

Retirement Program Honoring Miss Lucille Wood

**Sunday, June 26, 2011
Vickers Fine Arts Center Auditorium
3:00 p.m.**

Prelude **Natalie Emmons**
Keyboard/Music Instructor

Welcome **Dr. Phil A. Sutphin**
President

Invocation **Scott Hill**
Head Softball Coach

Introduction of Speakers **Dr. Sutphin**

Speakers **Henry "Bubba" Hudspeth**
Chair, Mississippi State Board for Community Colleges

Ovid Vickers
Retired EC Humanities Instructor

Bart Gregory
Asst. Athletic Director Annual Giving, Mississippi State University

Dr. Pamela A. Catledge Kirk
Retired Mississippi State University Professor

Interlude **Mrs. Emmons**

Response **Lucille Wood**

Presentation of Retirement Gift **Dr. Sutphin**

*~Following the program, a reception will be held to honor
Miss Lucille Wood in the Molly McGee Gold Room~*

July 5, 2011

Outline:

Rockin' Into Retirement!

Lucille Wood sits comfortably in an engraved Boston Rocker which was presented to the longtime East Central Community College faculty member and former coach at her retirement program Sunday, June 26, 2011, in the Vickers Fine Arts Center on the Decatur campus. Wood is retiring after 58 years service in the state's community and junior college system. The Louisville native began her employment at ECCC in 1956. Participating in the tribute were ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin; Henry B. "Bubba" Hudspeth, Chair, Mississippi State Board for Community Colleges; Ovid Vickers, retired ECCC Humanities instructor; Bart Gregory, Assistant Athletic Director Annual Giving, Mississippi State University; Dr. Pamela A. Catledge Kirk, retired Mississippi State University faculty member; Scott Hill, ECCC head softball coach; and Natalie Emmons, ECCCC keyboard/music instructor. A reception was held in the Molly McGee Gold Room in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria followed the special program. (EC Photo)





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Wood, Lucille

Thank you Dr. Sparkman for that introduction. This is one of the highlights of my career to speak at the 75th anniversary of my alma mata. It is also an honor to share this stage with Dr. Phil Sutphin, Dr. Eddie Smith, Mr. Arno Vincent, the Rev. Chris Vowell and Mr. Prentiss Copeland. I look with pride at my fellow faculty members, staff, board members, alumni, students and friends of this institution. Also that special group who greets me each morning at 7 a.m. with an energetic "good morning Miss Wood".

This college grew from the old Newton County Agricultural high school in 1928. The first class consisted of 18 students. The legislature established the Junior College system in the state to give formal education opportunities for the masses in our state.

Mississippi was the first state to establish a system of public junior colleges. East Central grew from two teachers, Mrs. Stella Newsome, who taught English and History and Robert Marshall who taught math and science, to what we are today.

In the beginning there was Newton county, Neshoba was added in 1929, Scott in 1930, Leake in 1931 and Winston in 1934. Seven presidents have served the leadership roles for this college. I have been associated with six of these men. Dr. Todd came in 1934 and was the president when I was a student in the early 50's, and I have worked for Mr. Vincent, Dr. Montgomery, Dr. Wright, Dr. Smith and Dr. Sutphin.

What would these five counties be without East Central? In its long history through the depression years many sacrifices were made by students and parents. In 1934, it cost \$13.61 per month, which includes room, board and tuition. To attend East Central for nine months in 1939 - 40 --it cost \$15.22 per month, and \$27.66 per month in 1949 - 50 when I became a student at the college. There were many students who could not meet that expense. Dr. Todd, the second president, made sure all who wanted an education could attend. Most of the work on campus was done by students from milking the cows at 4 a.m. or firing the boiler at an early hour. There were parents who canned foods, brought potatoes and syrup in exchange for tuition.

Most of the college landmarks are gone, only Founders Gym and Jackson Hall remain, and they have been altered. In the early years from Jackson Hall to old Neshoba, all buildings were connected with a covered walk way - no need for raincoats. The Tucker Vocational-Technical building is now situated where the football field was located in years past. The baseball field is where present (Scott) hall is today. On the football field today was located a big barn, cosmetology was a chicken house, the physical education building is where the dairy barn was located.

What I want to speak about are the people and this college. As I have mentioned I knew all the presidents except Mr. Pugh the first president.

I think most would agree that Dr. L.O. Todd was the "light on the hill". He knew every student by name and their parents. He worked with the farmers and day laborers to send their children to East Central. It is said that he visited the local towns in our area on Saturday afternoon when these people came to town, Dr. Todd made his way shaking hands and letting people know that East Central was here for their sons and daughters. These people wanted a better life for their children and East Central met that challenge. Dr. Todd was a learned man and was called on to speak on educational matters throughout this country.

Mr. Vincent was the president who hired me. He was here when I was a student. I heard there was a need

for a physical education teacher. I wrote him a letter and he wrote me back telling me when school would begin - no interview process - just bring your clothes and some personal items and your apartment will be furnished. He didn't tell me it would be furnished with a man. He forgot to tell the BSU director that I was coming - "no problem," Mr. Vincent just moved him over to the guest room in the president's home. Mr. Vincent didn't tell me I would be living on the second floor in a boy's dormitory. Scott hall was located where the volleyball court is today. Miss. Harris and I had apartments on the second floor and Frank and Nellie Cross and Mrs. Newsome on first floor. Boys lived across the hall from me and we shared the steps - at times, they ran fast going and coming from the showers.

I want to talk about some teachers who laid the foundation for this college. Mrs. Sullivan was here when I was a student and retired the year before I returned as an instructor. Mrs. Sullivan was one of the giants in forming this College. Mrs. Sullivan had a ring of keys as big as my fist - the only teacher I ever knew who had her own classroom with a lock and one of those keys fit that lock. At every assembly she had a live arrangement on the stage - and we had assembly once a week. She was the champion to the students who came from small rural high schools. What I learned from Mrs. Sullivan has influenced me all my life. From Mrs. Sullivan we learned - respect, manners, and the appreciation of beauty.

Mrs. Newsome was a romantic with a sense of humor and wit - she taught literature and was interested in the arts. One day we were having a faculty meeting and someone was giving a long boring talk - Mrs. Newsome wrote on a piece of paper and handed it back for all to read - We wiggled in and we wiggled out - and after we had wiggled in and wiggled out we were still in doubt as to whether we had wiggled in or wiggled out. Mrs. Newsome could teach lit - no notes and she kept us spellbound - but she did like to tell stories or tales - today our students evaluate the faculty and some of mine say - she tells too many stories - she gets off the subject, but I remember Mrs. Newsome telling stories and if she could I can too. Let me share a story Mrs. Newsome told about 53 years ago--

The teacher wrote the mother a note that Ida needed to practice some better hygiene - just a little freshen up each morning - the Mother wrote back--

Dear teacher, Learn her don't smell her she isn't no rose.

Another mother had written Mrs. Newsome a note telling her that she didn't want her daughter to know about her innards.

Frank Cross made his mark on the college - those who passed his chemistry classes went on to excel in their courses of study.

Frank Leatherwood - biology teacher - Mr.

Leatherwood collected specimens of plant, animal and rock formations in this area. The biology lab was filled with these specimens. *

Mr. Leatherwood's favorite quote was "you can't hit a star aiming at a stump."

Miss Ethel Burton - the librarian - Miss Burton went about her business of building a library - everything neatly arranged, quiet and conducive to learning - Miss Burton learned to drive in her early 60's and one year came back in a little Ford car. Miss Burton lived to celebrate her 100th birthday. A group from East Central Attended her 100th birthday celebration. And at the age of 103 passed away. Ann and Roger Burkes and I attended her funeral.

Miss Una Harris was an English -literature instructor and founder and sponsor of the Tom-Tom. The Tom-Tom was published every two weeks. Articles were

professionally written and on time. It was a news paper - for years; one of the greatest honors on campus was to be editor of the Tom-Tom. Dr. Joe Todd, M.D., spoke at homecoming a few years back and stated that the two best teachers in his whole educational career were here at East Central - Una Harris and Arno Vincent.

General Pat Wilson - former coach and dean of men. Captain Pat Wilson, at that time, led our National Guard unit into the Second World War. From what I have heard he was one of the most loved and respected people ever associated with this College.

Back to Mr. Vincent for just a moment - Mr.

Vincent's philosophy of education was the teacher is more important than the equipment. He said "A good

teacher can teach more sitting on the end of a log than a poor teacher with all the equipment in the world." That has changed a little today, Mr. Vincent. With all the technology, the teacher is still the most important instrument in the classroom. Mr. Vincent believed if all students made A's, not much learning was taking place - and he placed the name of the classes where there were too many A's on the board during faculty meetings.

Other long time faculty and administrators who had a impact on this college were: Lynn Dale Fergurson, Registrar, R.C. Roberts, Academic Dean. They came just after the Second World War ended and helped set the college in motion for the post war era.

Enrollment increased and of course courses of study, changed as well.

R.G. Fick, Ovid Vickers, Jessie Everett, Charles Pennington, Mrs. Jackson, Erma Lee Barber, Marion Thornton, Denver Brackeen, first Dean of Students in the junior colleges, Dr. Brad Tucker, longest term as Academic Dean - served under four presidents, Dr. Shelby Harris, Frank Rives, Tom Thrash, Ann Burkes, Rudolph Mayes, Joe Clark, O. L. Newell, John Adcock, Dr. Richard Ethridge and Raymond and Lois McMullan and others - all these people retired from here - some spent their entire teaching career at East Central; and I must add they did not work by the clock. Several of these, their only teaching experience was at East Central, all came young and stayed and contributed until their retirement.

Our college went through some non-productive years - our enrollment was down, there were empty rooms in the dormitories - there was talk of combining East Central with some other colleges. The president of the board of trustees, Henry B. Hudspeth was instrumental in bringing Dr. Eddie Smith, an alumnus from Noxapater, to be our 6th president. And all areas of the college were improved - there was a new spirit - "And we all learned to work." He was a hands-on president and that is what we needed to become what we are today. Today, the tradition continues under Dr. Phil Sutphin.

After a while, traditions die - but for years we had --

May Day - the biggest event on campus - was held where the science building is now located. May Day activities ended in 1973.

Sophomores clipped the freshman boys heads when they entered the campus.

A big drum was in front of Winston Hall and the clippers were ready.

For most boys this was their first real association with East Central.

Then, on a cold frosty morning the freshman were greeted with "Freshman Day": the girls had big sisters who dressed them for the day. Some were tacky but most were cute with big ribbons in their hair, with freckles painted on their face and some teeth blackened. Most had an onion around their

neck - they had to sit on the floor to eat without forks, knives or spoons. For most freshmen and sophomores, it was a fun day and the teachers postponed test, - when school was out they paraded down town - then back to the dorms for showers, a good night's meal, then a dance. My freshman yearbook shows Denver Brackeen and Blanch Wiggins leading the parade. Denver has his pants on backwards.

We had a Sadie Hawkins dance - all the students meet on the front campus - the girls chased the boys and if caught that was your date for the dance.

The freshman boys had to beat the big drum all night before the Scooba football game - one year our boys were not good scouts and Scooba stole our drum - but

in return they were not good scouts because we painted ECJC on their water tank.

We had religious emphasis week - usually one year sponsored by the BSU and the Baptist church; the next year Wesley and the Methodist church was the sponsor.

Through the years, there have been many dress and hair styles -

Skirts and sweaters with saddle oxfords and Bobbiesocks.

Little ballerina shoes

Elvis hair styles

Veronica Lake - long hair with one eye covered

Bee hive hair

Crew cuts

Flat Tops

Penny loafers

Bell bottoms

The hippy years - long hair - army surplus

clothes and no bras

Minnie skirts

Long side burns

Can-can petticoats - couldn't sit in a desk

Hot pants

Granny skirts

Rain coats had to be worn over shorts to attend

physical education class and even go to the

Tennis courts.

Today - all our students do not follow the same styles
- most are well groomed - the boy's hair is styled and
cut - for boys and girls blue jeans are the style for
class - many of the others I can't describe in the
English language what they have on for class dress.

Today we point with pride to the accomplishments of
our students -

Generals in the Army, (two played on the 1939 State
Championship football team, one on the 1953 State
championship Basketball team), Captains and

Admirals in the Navy and other high ranking officers
in the military, Doctors of medicine, with specialist
in a number of areas. Those with Doctors in

Pharmacy - Chemistry - Dentistry - Education ,-

those in agriculture and the list goes on --

Lawyers

Presidents of colleges

Deans of colleges

Division chairs of colleges

Engineers

Bank presidents

Authors of books

Teachers

Mayors

Elected state officials

1 U.S. Representative - Arthur Winstead from

Philadelphia

2 Olympic coaches

MS sports hall of fame members -

All-Americans

MS association of coach's hall of fame

National sports hall of fame *

4 who's name is in the National Junior College

Athletic Association Record Book

Participated in a National Junior College Association

All-Star Games

Senior College and professional coaches

Senior College Athletic Hall of Fame

Professional athletes

East Central has left her mark with the elite in our
state and nation.

But what about the masses of our students? I was in
Louisville one Saturday morning and a young man
came in the place of business where I was . He had
on muddy boots and he made the typical statement -
Hey Miss Wood do you remember me? I did
remember him - a formal education was not his

choice at the time - He said excuse my dress because I volunteer to help my community water department on Saturdays and we have a busted pipe, I have come for replacement parts - he is employed by Taylor Machine Works.

Talk about making a contribution - there are thousands of men and women like him - good citizens, live in well kept homes, go to work each day, vote, work for better schools, civic minded, send their children to East Central and take pride in the fact that they attended East Central.

When I read about a former student, even in death - was it mentioned he/she attended East Central? This always catches my eye and my impression of them.

Our college today is training those to go into the vocational-technical fields and this is the charge that has been given to the community colleges.

There is a coming together of all areas of the college.

One job is no more important than the other. We work for the purpose of the college - "With you in mind." I see this happening more and more each year.

Dear Alma Mater I Sing Your Praise -

You have fed me, clothed me and housed me most of my adult life - provided me with work opportunities that I have enjoyed, and friends and associates over a half century.

You provided educational opportunities for every member of my family - 5 of us, and many other families - to name a few - the 5 Herington brothers from Louisville and they all played football. The 5 Baucum brothers from Newton and they all were associated with athletics - 5 Graham boys from Decatur and their first names all started with a J. The 5 Shoemaker boys from Decatur and their first names all started with a D. To my knowledge the Hardy family from Neshoba County holds the record for the most from a single family to attend, 8.

Alma Mater you opened the door to good music for me - Mrs. Madden directed the choir - I had never heard choral music like that. I attended a small rural church and a choir was put together for revivals but nothing like East Central's Choir.

At an assembly Margoria Woodruff and Betty Ruth Taylor from Louisville were the program and they had just graduated from the Julliard School of Music. Margoria sang songs in a foreign language and her voice penetrated every part of that old auditorium. For months, you would hear students singing parts of her songs. Dear Alma Mater may this college continue the fine tradition of the spring musicals, and other endeavors - enlarge and expand. We feed our souls with music, we are the music we listen to. At one time the old Greeks turned all their attention to body building - and they didn't like the results. They said we do not want a nation of body builders - how do we temper their souls - the answer was choral music - and we see this today that a greater emphasis on choral music in many of our elementary and

secondary schools - may East Central continue to sing and expose our students to good music and let a large part be choral music.

Where Newsom Hall is today - at one time was a dirt tennis court - I knew nothing about tennis. Never seen a tennis racket, but I ordered one from the Sears Roebuck catalogue. Mr. Leatherwood taught us some tennis skills and we played in some matches. I wish I knew how many students I have taught how to play tennis - most of my tennis teams were made up of those who had never played.

My Alma Mater also let me play basketball on a team - no scholarship - I played because I wanted to.

Our athletic teams through the years have known both the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat. Our

students have been All-State, All-Region and All-Americans, Academic All-Americans. Our teams have been state champions in football, men's and women's basketball, baseball, All-Region 7 in basketball, All-Region 23 in girls basketball, and golf, individual state champion in track, golf and tennis, and played in 4 bowl games in football.

When I was a student here, Keith Slothower was the drama director and they performed the "Barretts of Whimpole Street", "Antigone", "Harvey" and "A Midsummer Nights Dream." This was my first experience and exposure to some of the finer things in life. Through the years our students have had these opportunities through very capable drama teachers. May this continue.*

When I was a student, many of my fellow classmates were called to serve in the Korean Conflict. Four of the starters on our men's basketball team were called up in the middle of the season.

General Pat Wilson led our National Guard unit into the Second World War and they served in the European theater of operations. Several of our Alumni Memorial awards are in memory of those killed in the Second World War.

The Viet Nam Conflict brought heartache to our campus because of the two young EC men killed in that war.

Our students and former students participated in Operation Desert Storm and the present war.

This college will continue to grow - physically there are immediate needs in several areas. Mr. Vincent that log needs to be longer in the science department - the Wall O' Sound has outgrown itself - there are other pressing needs - our library must be enlarged and should be the main focal point for all students regardless of where the classes are taught. The beautification projects should continue - in years to come, the 100th anniversary this campus will be filled with trees.

To our administration - we are known as a college with high academic standards - may this continue in the future - employ excellent teachers - who teach -

Jessie Stuart said "teachers teach, students study- if students are not studying no teaching is taking place."

Teachers who take pride in their profession - who see the student as a total person - that learning is not necessarily fun- it should be a pleasant experience and sometimes it is tough - challenge - challenge the student - To the administration make sure these dedicated teachers receive the praise and support necessary to accomplish the most important task on campus - classroom teaching

In years to come, I sense a special pride in every aspect of the college. Every class, extra curricular activity - no part of the college left behind - making sure every student can participate - every student in an activity and an activity for every student.

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I want that pride I feel when seated in Warrior
Stadium and in the distance to the south I hear the
sound of drums and the sound comes closer and
closer and through the gates come "The Wall of
Sound" **OUR** band - as they pass in front of the
crowd walking tall and well disciplined, one can see
by the expressions on their faces they are proud to be
part of that organization. I want that for all classes
and groups on the campus.

**HAPPY 75TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR AND
MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS THIS
COLLEGE.**

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April 25, 2008

Cutline:

ECCC Receives Book Authored By Alumnus

East Central Community College staff member Lucille Wood (left) presents the latest work by her classmate and noted author Warren Trest of Montgomery, Ala., to librarians Gloria Johnson (center) and Gail Wood during a presentation in the College's Memorabilia Room located in Burton Library on the Decatur campus. The recently published book, *Nobody But the People*, is a biography of former Alabama Governor John Patterson and his efforts in leading the state through the turbulent early years of the Civil Rights movement. Trest, a Louisville native and 1952 ECCC graduate, has authored and coauthored more than 50 military histories and studies. In 2000, his book *Air Commando One: Heinie Aderolt and America's Secret Air Wars* was nominated for the Bancroft Prize for distinguished works in American history. Another work titled *Air Force Roles and Missions: A History*, was on the U.S. Air Force chief of staff's reading list for 2007. Other recent books include *Wings of Denial: The Alabama Air Guard's Role in the Bay of Pigs*, coauthored with Don Dodd, professor emeritus at Auburn University-Montgomery, and *Missing in Paradise*, both from New South Books. Trest is a former historian with United States Air Force Historical Research Agency at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. (EC Photo)

USM Sports Hall of Fame - CSC players - L. Wood
Researched by Lucille Wood

Black Knight by Jimmie McDowell, and what a knight he was when it came to performing on a football field. He was a letterman for three years, beginning in 1951, after being an all-state fullback at Hinds Junior College. Bucky was named on the Little All-America squad in 1952 and 1953. The 2,560 yards he gained in three seasons still stands as a rushing record at USM. He scored ~~22~~ 192 points on 25 touchdowns and 30 extra points. He averaged over 18 yards on kickoff returns and over 36 yards as the No. 1 punter for two seasons. Bucky played in the 1954 Senior Bowl and the 1954 College All-Star game in Chicago. He later played briefly with the Chicago Bears and for a year with the Hamilton Tiger Cats in the Canadian Professional League. Certainly one of our all-time great backs, Bucky is now in business in Monroe, La and is married to the former Joy James. They have two children.

ANDREW F. (ANDY) WEBB ... We are indeed ~~very~~ regretful that this award to Andy Webb, a great football player, must be made posthumously. But those who knew him were happy to share his companionship. As his mother wrote in a recent letter, "Andy did love Southern so much." Coach Green describes him as being "a real hard-nosed football player and as a center both on offense and defense." Andy, who went to East Central Junior College at Decatur before earning letters here in 1937 and 1938, was killed during the enemy's sneak attack on Manila's Clark Field in 1941. That was on a Sunday, and Coach Green later received a letter from him that was written on the Saturday before he was killed. Andy also was an excellent student. One of the letters of nomination for his election to the Hall of Fame included this statement: "I sincerely believe his actions on the football field and in the classrooms, and on the campus, warrant his nomination to the Hall of Fame." Receiving his award tonight is a longtime friend of the family of Andy Webb, one of our truly great athletes and citizens who gave his life for his country.



JOE (MARBLE HEAD) VETRANO.....

A football letterman in 1940 and 1941, Joe returned to serve as an assistant coach in '46 and '47.* He played professionally with San Francisco Forty-Niners from 1946 through 1949, becoming known as "Little Toe" because of his place-kicking prowess.

He was a coach with 49ers from 1949 thru 1956. He still resides in San Francisco.

* (Note: In '46 & 47, he coached at USM in spring training only)

Inducted into USM Sports Hall of Fame in charter class of 1965.

NOT MUCH INFO WAS USED IN '65 CEREMONIES
BECAUSE OF BIG NUMBER (21) OF INDUCTEES.

'67 CLASS - LOPER + WEBB - ^{Attended} ECSC

'68 CLASS - VINCENT

^{Attended} ECSC

as Mississippi's "junior college coach of the year" in 1967.

He is married to the former Diane Poulos and they have two children.

W.A. (Arno) VINCENT --It didn't happen at USM, but this honoree was a starting guard in the first regulation football game he ever saw. That was in 1935 at East Central Junior College in Decatur, and he played well enough during the season to earn a berth on the all-state team. He also made the all-state team in basketball. A football and basketball star for Southern in 1937 and 1938, he is being honored tonight for his football prowess. He was team captain in both sports while at Southern. Following his graduation he earned a master's degree at the University of Mississippi in 1948, and did additional graduate work there, at Southern, at Northwestern University, and at the University of California. He returned to East Central Junior College, and during a 15-year tenure there he was a coach, a teacher, dean of men, and, ultimately, president. Prior to that he had taught and coached at Picayune and Pass Christian. He currently is in his third year as assistant superintendent of city schools in Meridian. He is a past-president of the Mississippi Junior College Association and the Mississippi Association of Colleges. He and his wife, the former Ruth Carr, have two daughters.

Wood embodied spirit, excellence of EC

*Late coach
recognized
as a pioneer
in community
college
women's
athletics*

From school reports

Longtime East Central Community College instructor Lucille Wood died last week in the Neshoba County Nursing Home in Philadelphia. She was 84.

"When people think of East Central Com-

munity College, many immediately think of Lucille Wood," said ECCC President Billy Stewart. "She was a remarkable representative of our college and truly embodied the spirit and excellence that is East Central. She made a tremendous impact on women's athletics in

Mississippi's community colleges and touched thousands of students' as well as athletes' lives during her more than five decades of service to our college and she will be greatly missed."

Wood, who also served as chairman of the social science,

business and education division at ECCC, is recognized as a pioneer in Mississippi community college women's athletics, and until her retirement in 2011 was the longest-tenured faculty member among the Mississippi community college ranks.

She served three years as an activity and recreation instructor at Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson, before being hired by then-East Central Community College president Arno Vincent in 1956.



Wood

Honors received

Wood was honored for her classroom teaching on various occasions, having been selected Outstanding Academic Instructor by the ECCC Alumni Association; HEAD-WAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day: Working Toward Academic Excellence) Instructor of the Year, an honored conferred by the Mississippi Legislature; and a Lamplighter honoree, which each year recognizes outstanding community college educators.

Throughout her five decades at East Central, Wood also served as cheerleader sponsor, director of intramurals, organized and supervised a college-wide talent show, supervised the May Day programs, and initiated halftime programs at basketball games, where her physical education classes demonstrated their class activities such as ribbon dancing, tinseling (rhythmic jumping between poles) and jump rope exercises.

Organized alumni awards

Wood was also instrumental in organizing the first Alumni Memorial Awards, which were the beginning of the current Awards Day program held each spring to recognize outstanding students. She also instituted the singing of the Alma Mater at the conclusion of the program.

In addition to her outstanding service as a faculty member, Wood also served twice as president of the Alumni Association, and during her second term was responsible for instituting the Alumnus of the Year Award.

“When people think of East Central Community College, many immediately think of Lucille Wood.

Billy Stewart,
ECCC president

Restored Sullivan Park

She spearheaded the effort to restore Sullivan Park, an area adjacent to Newsome Hall dormitory and named in honor of Mrs. Janie Huff Sullivan, one of Wood's teachers at then East Central Junior College.

She also created and organized the college's Memorabilia Room, which was completed in 2005. Located in Burton Library, the room houses various items of historical significance to East Central and its alumni. Wood, along with former librarians Gloria Johnson and Gail Wood, led efforts for the creation and completion of the special area.

She helped raise funds and/or donated funds for trophy cases to house Athletic Hall of Fame inductee plaques, photos and frames for All-

State athletes, flags for Burton Library and banners for her women's basketball championship teams.

She was instrumental in the collection of athletic memorabilia that is housed in the trophy cases and on the walls in the college gym, having researched information on former All-State and All-American players from the years 1928 to 1974. Wood, with the assistance of former librarian Ann Burkes and her husband, the late Roger Burkes, collected information and photographs on past players and championship teams.

Wood was also called on to speak at various programs throughout her tenure at ECCC, including the college's 75th anniversary in 2003. She was also a featured speaker at the dedication of Burton Library and the Walter Arno Vincent Administration Building.

Named 'Ageless Hero'

She was a 2003 Mississippi Women's Conference Power of One honoree and in 2004 was selected as an "Ageless Hero" state award winner in the Love of Learning category by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mississippi. She was also the recipient of the Delta Kappa Gamma Red Rose award and an honorary member of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for the two-year college.

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EC photo

1986 and in 1988 was honored by having the ECCC physical education building (Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Building) named for her and All-American basketball player Denver Brackeen, who she also coached with at East Central.

In 2004 and 2007, she was inducted into the NJCAA Women's Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame and the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges Sports Hall of Fame, respectively.

Wanda McPhail, tennis

coach at Meridian Community College and a former student of Wood, said, "I played basketball and tennis under Ms. Wood from 1969-1971 and while she taught me so much about the games, she taught many life lessons as well."

"She was always honest and fair and had the best interest of her athletes and students at heart. She has touched many lives. The chain continues as so many of us who played for her chose the coaching profession because of the influence that she had on our lives."

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ECCC announces 2015 Kids' College Schedule

The 2015 Kids' College Program at East Central Community College in Decatur kicks off July 6 and continues through July 17 with classes ranging from athletics to archery to baking.

The registration fee is \$50 per class and each participant receives a Kids' College T-shirt. The deadline to regis-

ter is Friday, May 29.

Kristi Smith serves as Kids' College director.

"We are excited about this year's Kids College program, which offers a variety of classes that we hope participants will enjoy" Smith said.

Course offerings include the following:

July 6-10

Little Warrior Tennis: Ages 5-8, 8:30 to 10 a.m.; Ages 9-12, 10:30 to noon. Participants will learn and practice basic grips, forehand and backhand strokes, and how to serve and volley. Students should bring a tennis racquet and wear tennis shoes. Pete Mazella will serve as instructor.

Former players establish Wood scholarship at EC

A scholarship honoring long-time East Central Community College faculty member and former coach Lucille Wood has been established at the college by her former players.

Wood, a Louisville native recognized as the longest tenured faculty member in Mississippi's two-year colleges, led women's basketball,

volleyball, and tennis teams at East Central where she began her employment in 1956. She served three years at Copiah-Lincoln Community College prior to joining the ECCC staff.

Wood has also been recognized as a pioneer in establishing intercollegiate women's basketball and in implementing Title IX. She coached club basketball teams from 1958-74, capturing two state titles. She led the women's basketball program from 1974 to 1985, also winning two state championships and several division titles. She also won a state title in volleyball and several of her tennis players captured state honors.

When she retired from



**Lucille
Wood**

coaching, Wood served the National Junior College Athletic Association as Region 23 Director and was presented an NJCAA Service Award in 1992, the only Mississippian to receive the honor.

She was selected to the NJCAA Women's Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame and was inducted in Salina, Kan., in 2004.

She is also a member of the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame.

Wood has also received honors in the academic area, including the College's HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day; Working Toward Academic Excellence) Instructor of the Year, a Lamplighter Excellence in Teaching award; Humanities Instructor of the Year; Academic Instructor of the Year; Delta Kappa Gamma's (Xi Chapter) Red Rose Award; Mississippi Women's Conference Power of One Award; and most recently was selected a Blue Cross/Blue Shield Ageless Hero state award winner in the Love of Learning category.

In addition to her teaching and coaching duties at East Central, Wood has sponsored numerous extra-curricular activities including May Day, intramurals, talent shows, Awards Day and the Student Education Association.

She also served as keynote speaker for the college's 75th

Convocation and participated in dedication programs for Burton Library and the Vincent Administration Building. In addition, she was instrumental in raising funds and working to establish Sullivan Park and the Memorabilia Room in Burton Library.

Wood has twice served as president of the ECCC Alumni Association and the college's gym is named for her and the late Denver Brackeen, former ECCC coach and All-American basketball player.

She is a 1951 graduate of ECCC and received bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Wood, who serves as Chairman of the Social Science, Business and Education Division in addition to teaching education and physical education classes, begins her 53rd year in the classroom this fall.

The Lucille Wood Scholarship will be presented to a returning female sophomore athlete representing the College's basketball, soccer, softball or tennis teams at the annual Awards Day program.

For more information or to make a contribution contact the Office of Foundation and Alumni Relations, ECCC, phone 601-635-2111 or call toll free, 1-877-462-3222, ext. 327. The email address is sholling@eccc.edu.

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Mississippi House honors Lucille Wood

From press reports

Longtime East Central Community College faculty member Lucille Wood was honored by the Mississippi House of Representatives during a ceremony March 23.

A resolution in tribute to Wood, who is completing her 53rd year as a member of the state's community and junior college system, was presented at in the House chamber. State Rep. Gale Gregory of Winston County sponsored the resolution.

Wood, a Louisville native, teaches physical education and education classes at East Central and is recognized as the longest tenured faculty member currently serving the state's community and junior colleges. She is also a former coach at East Central, having led the women's basketball to state championships in 1976 and 1979 and several division titles. She also successfully coached tennis and volleyball squads.

Recognized as a pioneer in women's athletics, Wood also formed and coached various "Club Teams" at East Central from 1957 to 1975, capturing state titles in basketball in 1970 and 1973. Club teams were composed of female athletes who participated in sports



Wood

just for the competition, as scholarships were not provided.

Wood has received numerous honors throughout her career, which began as an instructor and coach at Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson. Her most recent honors include her induction into the National Junior College Athletic Association Women's Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame and her upcoming induction as a charter member of the Mississippi Community/Junior College Sports Hall of Fame along with two other ECCC honorees - Arno Vincent and the late Denver Brackeen.

Milling; Tyler Hagan of Little Rock, third, Welding; Luke Howell of Union, first, Collision Repair; Delungus Chambers of Noxapater, third, Major Appliance Technology; and Brian Hillie of Newton, third, Cabinetmaking. SkillsUSA championships are held to recognize the achievements of career and technical students and to encourage them to strive for excellence and pride in their chosen professions.

Four ECCC art students received honors at the annual Mississippi Community/Junior College Art Competition. Award winners included Blakeny Brown, a graduate of East Central High School and Marie Adams of Edinburg, who placed second and third, respectively, in the two-dimensional design category; James Files of Noxapater, honorable mention, two-dimensional design; and Omar Ducksworth of Bay Springs, honorable mention, printing.

In athletics, the Lady Warrior soccer team received a national honor following its first year of competition by being named the sport's 2005-06 NJCAA Academic Team of the Year for achieving a 3.5 grade point average.

Team members and their respective high schools includ-

ed Chelsea Brown, Stone; Celeste Burt, Samantha Giambrone, Angela Ferguson and Jerrica Williamson, all of Neshoba Central; Joy Cavanaugh, Amanda Eaves and Maggie McDill, all of Newton County; Lacey Green, Carthage; Brittany Harper, Southeast Lauderdale; Jaimee Jones, Nanih Waiya; Heather Lewis and Danyell Taylor, both of East Central HS; Alisha Perry, Morton; and Megan Rosar, Camp Shelby Youth Challenge. Kenneth Thompson serves as head coach.

The Lady Warrior and Warrior basketball teams completed a successful 2005-06 campaign by participating in the MACJC and Region 23 tournaments en route to identical 17-10 records. Lady Warriors who received post-season honors included LaSaundra Harrison of Union, second team All-State and All-Star; Shannon Lloyd of West Lauderdale, first team All-State, All-Region 23 and All-Star; and Valerie Harris of Lake, All-Region 23 Tournament Team. Warriors who received post-season awards included Johnny Hodge of Oauchita HS in Monroe, La., All-Region 23, first team All-State

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Lucille Wood completes 58-year career at ECCC

special to The Star

DECATUR – A 58-year career in education came to a close this spring as East Central Community College instructor Lucille Wood, who also served as chairman of the social science, business and education division, retired following the spring 2011 term. She is recognized as a pioneer in Mississippi community college women's athletics and until her retirement was the longest-tenured faculty member among the Mississippi community college ranks.

She will be honored with a reception today at 3 p.m. in Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium on campus. The public is invited to attend.

Wood's family has been associated with East Central Community College since 1941.

"A member of my family has been a part of the East Central family, as a student or staff member, each year since 1941, except for the three years I was at Co-Lin," Wood said.

She and her sisters, Esther, Earline and Lorene, and her brother, Jim, all attended East Central Community College. She has also had several nieces and nephews matriculate here.

Wood has also been affiliated with six out of the seven presidents who have been at the helm of the College.

"I was a student when Dr. (L.O.) Todd was president and I have worked for Mr. (Arno) Vincent, Dr. (Douglas) Montgomery, Dr. (Charles) Wright, Dr. (Eddie) Smith and Dr. (Phil) Sutphin," Wood said.

After graduating from East Central in 1951, Wood completed her bachelor and master's degrees in health, physical education and recreation from the University of Southern Mississippi.

She served three years as an activity and recreation instructor at Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson, before being hired by then-East Central Community College president Arno Vincent. She said she came back to her alma mater for the opportunity to teach.

"I came to East Central to go into the classroom and teach," Wood stated. "I already felt the greatest contribution could be made in the classroom. I was not only able to teach activity classes, but I was able to teach courses in health, introduction to physical education and sports, recreation and first aid. I enjoyed my activity classes, but the classroom was my home."

During the early years of Wood's career, physical education courses were a requirement for all students and her classes included all kinds of individual and team sports.

"Freshman students took part in team sports and sophomores participated in individual and dual player activities including badminton, tennis, archery, shuffleboard, bait-casting, tumbling, rope jumping, dance and swimming," Wood said.

"Mr. Vincent provided all my needs to have a successful and structured physical education program," she added.

She has been honored for her classroom teaching on various occasions, having been selected Outstanding Academic Instructor by the ECCC Alumni Association, HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day: Working Toward Academic Excellence) Instructor of the Year, an honored conferred by the Mississippi Legislature, and a Lamp-lighter honoree, which each year recognizes outstanding community college educators.

Throughout her five decades at East Central, Wood has also served as cheerleader sponsor, director of intramurals, organized and supervised a college-wide talent show, supervised the May Day programs and initiated half-time programs at basketball games, where her physical education classes demonstrated their class



Lucille Wood

activities such as ribbon dancing, tinecling (rhythmic jumping between poles) and jump rope exercises.

Wood was also instrumental in organizing the first Alumni Memorial Awards, which were the beginning of the current Awards Day program held each spring to recognize outstanding students. In recent years, Wood instituted the singing of the Alma Mater at the conclusion of the program.

In addition to her outstanding service as a faculty member, Wood has also served twice as president of the Alumni Association and during her second term was responsible for instituting the Alumnus of the Year Award.

She spearheaded the effort to restore Sullivan Park, an area adjacent to Newsome Hall dormitory and named in honor of Mrs. Janie Huff Sullivan, one of Wood's teachers at then East Central Junior College.

"Mrs. Sullivan was a dedicated teacher and always encouraged her students to be inquisitive, moral and ambitious," Wood said. "She spent a great deal of time planting shrubs and flowers on the east side of the campus."

Her latest project was the College's Memorabilia Room, which was completed in 2005. Located in Burton Library, the room houses various items of historical significance to East Central and its alumni. Wood, along with former librarians Gloria Johnson and Gail Wood, organized efforts for the creation and completion of the special area.

"The Memorabilia Room was a big project," Wood said. "We have collected many items from throughout the history of the college. We are already in need of more space and hope to be able to enlarge the area very soon."

She has helped raise funds and/or donated funds for trophy cases to house Athletic Hall of Fame inductee plaques, photos and frames for All-State athletes, flags for Burton Library and banners for her women's basketball championship teams. Wood most recently purchased a school flag, which will fly at Burton Library.

She was instrumental in the collection of athletic memorabilia that is housed in the trophy cases and on the walls in the College gym, having researched information on former All-State and All-American players from the years 1928 to 1974. Wood, with the assistance of former librarian Ann Burkes and her husband, the late Roger Burkes, collected information and photographs on past players and championship teams.

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"My theme has always been to 'be the coach I never had,'" Wood said. "We didn't have a team at Louisville until my eleventh grade year and we had an assistant football coach as our basketball coach. My first year at East Central, we were led by a football coach and the second year we were coached by a woman from New Jersey who taught physical education and knew nothing about basketball! I never had a real basketball coach so I have always tried to be what I never had."

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However, Wood said that her greatest reward was during Homecoming activities in 2003, when she organized a reunion of her former "Club Team" players and presented "letters" to them.

"I was so afraid they would not show, but they did-all with college degrees and professional jobs! Many had careers in education and had completed master and specialist degrees. There were mothers and grandmothers in attendance. It was the best day of my professional life!" Wood said.

"The years I spent coaching the non-scholarship players (club teams) were the most rewarding. We had homemade uniforms. They furnished their own shoes and socks. They played for no other reason than because they loved the game! They were also outstanding students," she added.

In retirement, she plans to continue her relationship with East Central as a volunteer in the College's Foundation and Alumni Relations Office, working with Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director. Wood already has her sights set on her next big project: the restoration of Founders' Gymnasium.

Of her retirement, Wood said, "I am very humbled and honored to have been a member of the faculty and/or coaching staff of my alma mater for a combined half a century plus years. I thank the administrations past and present for the opportunities of professional and personal development provided to me over the years. East Central is significant to me and I cherish the many memories of my colleagues and the students whose lives I tried to impact in a very positive manner. While I am looking forward to retirement, I will miss the interaction with the students

*You are invited to attend a
retirement program and reception
honoring*

Miss Lucille Wood

*The program will be
held in the Vickers Fine Arts Center*

Sunday, June 26, 2011

Three in the afternoon

East Central Community College

Decatur, Mississippi

*Reception immediately following in the
Molly McGee Gold Room*

Catching up with ...



LUCILLE WOOD

FILE PHOTO

Bubby Johnston, vice president for public information at East Central Community College, wrote last year's cover story for Leisure on Lucille Wood, whose 52 years of service to Mississippi's community and junior colleges are an education milestone. Recognized by the Mississippi Board for Community and Junior Colleges as the longest tenured faculty or staff member currently serving the state's two-year colleges, Wood is now in her 53rd year in education. "I've said I'll continue to the 2007-2008 school year — and then I'll play it by year," said Wood, a physical education/education instructor and former coach. Wood said the Decatur campus' "interesting students" are her motivation to continue. "I enjoy what I do. I really don't know what else I would do that would be as interesting," she said. "I don't care about traveling. I don't watch TV. I'm not married and my family is small. I guess you could

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The NJCAA Women's Basketball Coaches Association is proud to recognize the 2004 Hall of Fame inductees for their contributions to NJCAA athletics.

PAUL FRANKLIN BISHOP
Hudson Valley Community College
Troy, N.Y.

Paul F. Bishop has spent his life as an ambassador for the sport of basketball and an ardent supporter of women's sports. A native of Ashville, N.C. Morris excelled in football, basketball and track at Stephens-Lee High School and as a student at Morris Brown College (Atlanta, Ga.).

Bishop went on to start the women's basketball and volleyball programs at Hudson Valley Community College in 1970. At the time of his retirement in 1999 he was the winningest coach at Hudson Valley. Over 28 years he was 358-179 as the women's basketball head coach and 276-153-4 as the head volleyball coach. Bishop's basketball teams won four Mountain Valley Conference titles and three Region III titles. His 1992-1993 team captured the national championship and Bishop was named the NJCAA Coach of the Year. On the volleyball court his teams won four conference titles and one regional championship. The Hudson Valley Coach of the Year award is named after Bishop.

Bishop is married to wife Katherine and has two sons; David, 12 and Jacob, 8. He is an active part of his son's extra-curricular activities as well as in his church community and local civic organizations.

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LORENE RAMSEY
Illinois Central College
East Peoria, Ill.

Lorene Ramsey retired at the conclusion of the 2002-2003 season with a fifth national championship and as the winningest women's basketball coach in NJCAA history. In 33 seasons she compiled an 887-197-0 record and won Division II national championships in 1992, 1993, 1998, 1999 and 2003. For each of those years she was chosen as the NJCAA Coach of the Year. She was also the Converse Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) Junior College Coach of the Year in 1988 and 1999. Ramsey has garner Region 24 Coach of the year honors 21 times and has coached 27 all-Americans in her tenure.

She received her bachelor's degree in Education from Illinois State University in 1959, her master's degree in Physical Education from University of North Carolina in 1963 and a second master's degree in Guidance and Counseling from Bradley University in 1971.

Along with coaching basketball, Ramsey achieved several milestones as a head softball coach. Her teams won two national championships (1982, 1998) and recorded two runner-up finishes (1987, 1989). Ramsey was the NJCAA Coach of the Year in 1982 and 1998. Her cumulative record was 840-309, making her the second winningest coach in NJCAA history.

Ramsey has been inducted into numerous Halls of Fame, including: Bradley University Hall of Fame, Illinois State University Hall of Fame, the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, NJCAA Softball Coaches Association Hall of Fame and the National Fast Pitch Women's Softball Coaches Hall of Fame. She was also the first woman

inducted into the Illinois Basketball Coach Association Hall of Fame. As a player, Ramsey has been inducted into the National Amateur Softball Association Hall of Fame.

She was the co-head coach of the Illinois College All-Stars that took on the 1976 Soviet Union Olympic Team and she was an assistant coach for the USA Select Basketball Team in 1981 and 1986. Also in 1981, Ramsey was the assistant coach of the United States Silver Medal Basketball Team at the World University Games in Bucharest, Romania. She was the assistant coach of the 1983 USA silver medal team in the Pan-American Games and was on the coach staff of the 1987 and 1991 Pan-American Games teams.

Ramsey was the Tri-County Coach of the Year in 1979 and 1992 and the Tri-County Female Coach of the Year in 1993, 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2003. Other awards include: finalist for Stayfree National Service to Women's Sports Award (1980), Pekin YWCA Sports Person of the Year (1982), Western Illinois University Westerwinds Achievement Award (1991) and Women's Sports Foundation Budget Car Coaches Award (1993).

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LUCILLE WOOD
East Central Community College
Decatur, Miss.

Lucille Wood has dedicated 42 years of service to basketball, including 20 years within the NJCAA. A native of Louisville, Miss., she earned her associates degree from East Central Junior College in 1951. Wood went on to receive a bachelors and a master's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi in health, physical education and recreation in 1953 and 1955, respectively.

After excelling in basketball and track at Louisville High School, she lettered in basketball and tennis at East Central. From 1951-1953 she coached and participated in intramural basketball, volleyball and softball at Southern Mississippi (there were no varsity sports for women in senior college). Wood was selected as the Outstanding Coach of the Year and Outstanding Individual Player (runner-up).

Her NJCAA service began as a women's basketball coach at East Central in 1975 when the school joined the national organization. In 10 seasons she compiled a 156-74-0 record. Her teams won two state championships, two divisional championships and made four regional tournament appearances. Wood has coached 15 NJCAA first-team all-state players, 14 all-region players, and one second-team all-American. She was also the NJCAA Region 23 director from 1987-1997.

Presented with the NJCAA Service Award in 1990, Wood's leadership in advancing both athletics for women in general and the sport of basketball has not gone unnoticed. She worked to bring the Title IX ruling to the Mississippi colleges and was the first president of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association in Mississippi. Wood was selected the Mississippi Association of Coaches Coach of the Year and was inducted into the East Central Athletic Hall of Fame. East Central's physical education building has bared her name (as well as Denver Brackeen) since 1988. Wood was the East Central Alumni Association's Outstanding Instructor of the Year in 1993 and was most recently presented with the Mississippi Woman's Conference "Power of One Award" and the Mississippi Humanities Council Teacher Award.

The 2003-2004 academic year will complete 51 years of service in the teaching and coaching areas all accomplished in the Mississippi Junior/Community College System.

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NJCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACHES ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Year	Name	College	City, State
1998	Betty Jo Graber	Weatherford College	Weatherford, Texas
	Lillie Frances Garmon	Temple Junior College	Temple, Texas
	Lea Plarski	St. Louis Community College-Florissant Valley	St Louis, Mo.
	Dixie Woodall	Seminole Junior College	Seminole, Okla.
1999	Evelyn Blalock	Kilgore College	Kilgore, Texas
	Rose Marie Battaglia	Bergen Community College	Paramus, N.J.
	Fred Perry	Union County College	Cranford, N.J.
2000	Linda Hargrove	Cowley County Community College	Arkansas City, Kan.
	Paul Sanderford	Louisburg College	Louisburg, N.C.
2001	Barbara Gill	Johnson County Community College	Overland Park, Kan.
	Barbara A. "Sue" Ross	Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College	Perkinston, Miss.
	Sheryl Swoopes	South Plains College	Levelland, Texas
2002	Gary Barton	John A. Logan College	Carterville, Ill.
	Orville Gregory	Johnson County Community College	Overland Park, Kan.
	Rosie Walker	Panola College	Carthage, Texas
2003	Mary Ann Otwell	Panola College	Carthage, Texas
	Kurt Budke	Trinity Valley Community College	Athens, Texas
	Jim Davis	Roane State Community College	Harriman, Tenn.
2004	Paul Franklin Bishop	Hudson Valley Community College	Troy, N.Y.
	Lorene Ramsey	Illinois Central College	East Peoria, Ill.
	Lucille Wood	East Central Community College	Decatur, Miss.

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2001	Rosie Walker Kellum	Panola College	Carthage, Texas
2002	Lea Plarski	St. Louis Community College-Florissant Valley	St Louis, Mo.

In the late
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Native American
Student - Older Student

Miss Woods,

I hope this will reach you in the afternoon because if it's in the morning - you will probably make everyone run around the court extra time for me writing to you.

I tell yelling for your favorite Newton County Volley Ball team - I think the most or the ugliest girls come from Newton. Or I sound bitter. Or was that county beat us or another one. If I ~~am~~ got the wrong County I'm sorry. As side from your remark they were good.

No I haven't worked yet, but will someday soon.

Guess what? I gained weight - So you could say you did a little good for me.

Yes my statement remain the same the white people owes me a living so take up a little collection for me my rent is due and down to one pair of shoes.

I bet if you read this letter in class I bet ~~the~~ about 90% of the class would feel offend because most people are offense so use right word next time. Turn over for the

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I will someday ~~to~~ better myself
in doing this I will understand
the world and the people a little
better. So I need your vote to
put me in office of Dept of Welfare,
Education and Health.

In doing this you would decide
my secured future. Now wouldn't
this make you feel a little better
for a needy Indian to work
for a living. Instead of living in
the streets.

this Miss Woods don't ever
throw ~~your~~ letter away in case
you think you have problems.

In conclusion thank
God I am a country girl.

Tell my classmates hello
and other friends or enemies.

Talk about spelling. I am going
to work on it - so next time I can
insult people without them
knowing it. Then I can set by
with.

Keep your chin up - or you'll
get a double chin.

Write back and your
letter will be welcomed.

I would say May God Bless you
but you know the amendments about
prayers in school.

Sincerely, Margie LeClair

Oct. 20/99

To: the Native American Club
From: Lucille Wood

I want to express to you how much I enjoyed and appreciated the Homecoming Sign that was displayed on this past Saturday. To the young man who did the painting & drawing, you have a very special talent of which I hope you will continue to develop. To the young man who helped in securing the mural to the frame, you showed so much enthusiasm it cheered my heart.

To all who worked on the project. you are NOT A ^{loser} ~~loser~~ — those who could NOT see the beauty in the Art work — the Talent — the theme — ^(we are the warriors & Jones is a Bob cat.) they are the losers. I will always see in my mind the Folk art in the grass — the horse and rider — the expression in their ^{face} ~~and~~ eyes as they bring home the prize — the Bobcat.

I also appreciate the displays you do in the lobby of the library — Keep up the good work and work hard so you will become educated and be able to see beauty, Talent and never live in ignorance.

L. Wood

5/29/2010

Ms. Wood,

I ran across this note as I was organizing the Native American Club Scrapbook. I am placing the original note in your folder in the Mem RM and a copy in the Native American Club Scrapbook. Far too few students, faculty, staff, administration know the many acts of kindness and consideration that you extend to all...Thank you so very much... Thank you for taking the time to write this note...and your many words of encouragement...I know that Gail shares these thoughts, as well...

Gloria

Thanks
so much
Gloria

Pallbearers

James Wood, Jr.
Bubba Hudspeth
Mark McCool
Scott Hill
Josh Herrington
Ronnie Mitchell
Greg Duncan

Lucille Wood
1931-2015



Porter
Funeral Home

302 West Park Street
Louisville, MS 39339

In Memory

Funeral services for

Ms. Lucille Wood

Thursday, May 21, 2015

2:00 P.M.

Porter Funeral Home

Processional....."When the Roll is Called"
Song....."Victory in Jesus".....Vicki Blaylock
Prayer.....Rev. Chris Vowell
Tribute.....Friends & Family
Song....."Beulah Land".....Tanya Boler
MessageRev. Chris Vowell
Closing Prayer.....Rev. Chris Vowell
Recessional.....Piano/Tanya Boler

In Loving Memory

Lucille Wood

Born

January 10, 1931

Louisville, Mississippi

Entered into Rest

May 18, 2015

Philadelphia, Mississippi

Interment

Mt. Carmel Cemetery

Noxapater, Mississippi

Family

Brother: Jim Wood

Nephews: Jim (Deborah) Duncan,

James (Renee)Wood, Jr., & Scot Wood

Great Nieces & Nephews: Brandi Duncan (Josh)

Herrington, Greg Duncan, & Megan Wood

Great Great Nephew: Parker Herrington

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edna Myres Wood and George Wood; sisters, Lorene Wood, Zelma Earline Wood, and Esther Wood Duncan; and brother, Walter C. Wood.

MEM RM

Wood

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Newspaper Clipping

...52 years of service....

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Milestones

Answering the call ... for 52 years

Johnston is vice president for public relations at East Central Community College, where he has worked for 10 years. He is a former editor of The Scottsboro News in Forest, a weekly newspaper founded by his late father, Erle.

This is about Lucille Wood, whose service to the community is the focus of the article.

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She shows no sign of stopping. She continues to work at 7 a.m. each day — continuing teaching at ECCC in the academic year.



Johnston



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LONG-TERM COMMITMENT

Lucille Wood is the "dean" of community and junior college faculty and staff members, having taught for more than half a century. The longtime East Central Community College instructor and former coach began her career at Copiah-Lincoln Community College in 1953 — and has been at ECCC since 1956.

Wood

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Since the Mississippi Junior College Athletic Association did not recognize women's basketball as a sport from 1954 to 1975, Wood's coaching career centered on her "club teams," which she began in 1957 at the request of several female athletes, one of whom included the late Sue Gunter of Walnut Grove.

Gunter excelled as a senior college player and was inducted into the National Collegiate Athletic Association Hall of Fame after a successful career as head women's basketball coach at Louisiana State University — and often gave credit to East Central for "jump-starting" her career.

Wood led the club teams through the 1974-75 season, capturing state titles in 1970 and 1973.

When women's basketball was finally recognized as a community/junior college sport, Wood's success continued as she led the Warriorettes, as they were called then, to state titles in 1976 and 1979.

Although most regard Wood as a basketball coach, she also succeeded in other sports. She led the volleyball club team to the 1970 state title, and five members of her tennis team captured state championships.

Pioneering spirit

When she was not teaching or coaching, Wood was working for equality in women's athletics and helped bring about the Title IX ruling.

Through Wood's efforts, the foundation for women's basketball was laid in 1975, and many scholarships were awarded to female athletes. That same year Wood was elected the first president of the Women's Basketball Association in Mississippi.

Wood retired from coaching in 1986, but continued her support of women's athletics. She served 10 years as National Junior College Athletic Association director of Women's Athletics for

achievements is long, and one would think that being inducted in 2004 to the NJCAA Women's Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame would be her most prestigious award.

"Not so," Wood said.

She said her greatest reward occurred during ECCC's 2003 Homecoming celebration, when she presented "letters" to club team members, whose previous accolade for participation was simply "for the love of the game."

Wood said she was anxious about how her former players would respond on the big day.

"I was so afraid they would not come, but they did, and it was a great turnout," Wood said. "There they were — mothers of grown children and even some grandmothers were in attendance. Time stood still that day in October, and we were all young again here at ECCC."

Setting the tone

Wood still comes to work at 7 a.m. each day, and looks forward to the challenge of educating young minds. She describes herself as an idealist, and says the teacher sets the tone for learning.

"Students learn in an environment set by the teacher, and I want my

classes to be enjoyable as well as educational," she said.

Wood, who sponsors the Student Education Association in addition to her teaching duties, said she encourages her students to consider careers as teachers, coaches or athletic trainers.

"And at the same time, I make sure they understand the curriculum and the courses they have to take," she added. "I want my coaching students to realize the importance of a well-rounded education. Coaching is teaching and teaching is coaching."

Wood, whose honors in the classroom include her selection as ECCC's Academic Instructor of the Year in 1993, summed up her thoughts about teaching this way:

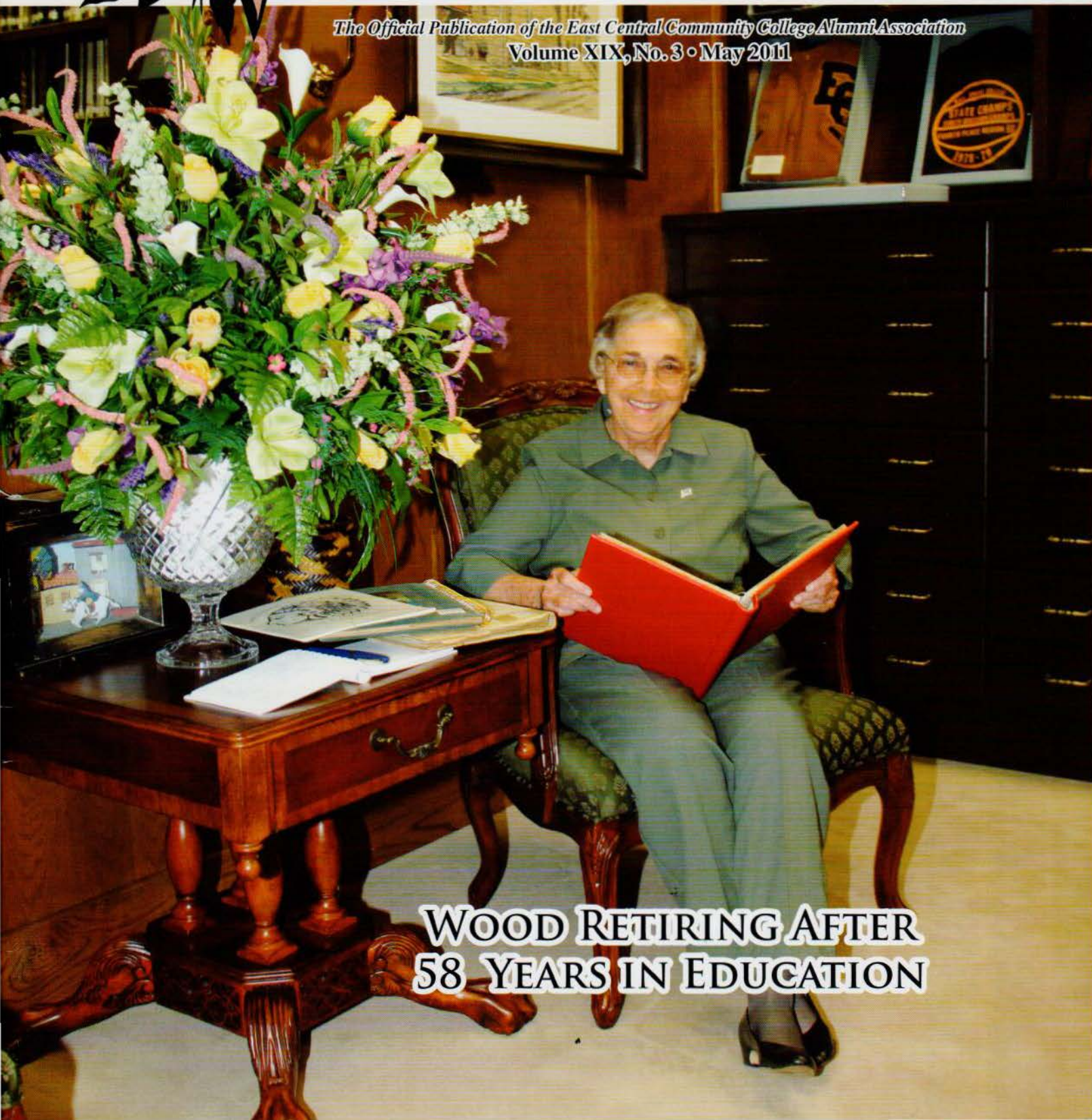
"It's all about the students I have come in contact with through the years. It really gives me a lot of pleasure to read about the successes of my former students in our local and state newspapers. Everywhere I go, I see former students, and so many of them are my rewards for teaching."

Lucille Wood has reached a milestone in the teaching profession — one that probably will not be duplicated for a long time, if ever. And yes, she plans to return to East Central for the 2006-07 term!



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58 YEARS IN EDUCATION**



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Alma Mater

Dear Alma Mater we sing thy praise,
In sweet remembrance of our college days;
Comrades and teachers, friends so true,
We give our love to you;
Long may we cherish the days spent with thee,
Happy days of dreams, work and play so carefree;
Deep in our hearts rest your memories true,
Here's all our love to you.

On the Cover:

A 58-year career in education came to a close this spring as East Central Community College instructor Lucille Wood, who also served as chairman of the social science, business and education division, retired following the spring 2011 term. She is shown looking through scrapbooks in the College's Memorabilia Room, which she helped organize in 2005. She will be honored with a program/reception at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 26, in the Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium on the Decatur campus. The public is invited to attend. (See related article on page 2.)

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The President's Message

Good news! Your College has been recognized by the Aspen Institute as one of the top 10% of community colleges in the U.S. Based on publicly available performance data a panel of experts has placed ECCC in the top 120 community colleges in the country. As a result of this designation we are eligible to compete for the top prize of \$700,000.00.

To make it to the next round of ten, we must submit an application with more data to flesh out the publicly available data used initially. If we are selected to compete in the final round a team of community college experts will visit our campus and evaluate how we do things. Then if we make the cut and are selected as the winner, the College will receive the first place prize of \$700,000.00.



Dr. Phil Sutphin

You have known for some time that EC is a great place. Many students have gotten a strong foundation from their enrollment here. To be recognized nationally is confirmation of what you have always known.

The single most important reason for the results we get is the quality of the instructional staff. When students are taught by dedicated instructors the results are significant. Should EC be successful in this competition for the Community College Excellence Award, the proceeds of the prize will be placed in the EC Foundation's Faculty Excellence Fund to provide continual funding for staff development and enhancement.

Thank you, alumni and friends, for supporting EC and contributing to the excellence recognized by the Aspen Institute.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, June 16

Annual Scholarship Luncheon for Donors and Recipients
10 a.m.
Huff Auditorium and Mabry Memorial Cafeteria

Sunday, June 26

Retirement Program and Reception
Honoring Miss Lucille Wood
3 p.m.
Vickers Fine Arts Center and Molly McGee Gold Room

Friday, July 1

Deadline to Submit Nomination Forms
for Homecoming Honorees

Thursday, June 30

10th Annual Warrior Golf Classic
9 a.m.
Dancing Rabbit Golf Club

Saturday, July 23

Reunion for the Classes of 1988, 1989, and 1990
4 p.m.
Neshoba County Fair, Cabin # 252

Monday, July 25

EC Day at the Fair
Neshoba County Fair, Founders' Square and Exhibit Hall

Saturday, October 8

Homecoming Day



Lucille Wood Completes 58-Year Career

A 58-year career in education came to a close this spring as East Central Community College instructor Lucille Wood, who also served as chairman of the social science, business and education division, retired following the spring 2011 term. She is recognized as a pioneer in Mississippi community college women's athletics and until her retirement was the longest-tenured faculty member among the Mississippi community college ranks.

She will be honored with a reception at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 26, in the Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium on the Decatur campus. The public is invited to attend.

Wood's family has been associated with East Central Community College since 1941.

"A member of my family has been a part of the East Central family, as a student or staff member, each year since 1941, except for the three years I was at Co-Lin," Wood said.

She and her sisters, Esther, Earline and Lorene, and her brother, Jim, all attended East Central Community College. She has also had several nieces and nephews matriculate here.

Wood has also been affiliated with six out of the seven presidents who have been at the helm of the College.

"I was a student when Dr. (L.O.) Todd was president and I have worked for Mr. (Arno) Vincent, Dr. (Douglas) Montgomery, Dr. (Charles) Wright, Dr. (Eddie) Smith and Dr. (Phil) Sutphin," Wood said.

After graduating from East Central in 1951, Wood completed her bachelor and master's degrees in health, physical education and recreation from the University of Southern Mississippi.

She served three years as an activity and recreation instructor at Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Wesson, before being hired by then-East Central Junior College president Arno Vincent. She said she came back to her alma mater for the opportunity to teach.

"I came to East Central to go into the classroom and teach," Wood stated. "I already felt the greatest contribution could be made in the classroom. I was not only able to teach activity classes, but I was able to teach courses in health, introduction to physical education and sports, rec-



Lucille Wood

reation and first aid. I enjoyed my activity classes, but the classroom was my home."

During the early years of Wood's career, physical education courses were a requirement for all students and her classes included all kinds of individual and team sports.

"Freshman students took part in team sports and sophomores participated in individual and dual player activities including badminton, tennis, archery, shuffleboard, bait-casting, tumbling, rope jumping, dance and swimming," Wood said.

"Mr. Vincent provided all my needs to have a successful and structured physical education program," she added.

She has been honored for her classroom teaching on various occasions, having been selected Outstanding Academic Instructor by the ECCC Alumni Association, HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day: Working Toward Academic Excellence) Instructor of the Year, an honored conferred by the Mississippi Legislature, and a Lamplighter honoree, which each year recognizes outstanding community college educators.

Throughout her five decades at East Central, Wood has also served as cheerleader sponsor, director of intramurals, organized and supervised a college-wide talent show, supervised the May Day

programs and initiated halftime programs at basketball games, where her physical education classes demonstrated their class activities such as ribbon dancing, tinecling (rhythmic jumping between poles) and jump rope exercises.

Wood was also instrumental in organizing the first Alumni Memorial Awards, which were the beginning of the current Awards Day program held each spring to recognize outstanding students. In recent years, Wood instituted the singing of the Alma Mater at the conclusion of the program.

In addition to her outstanding service as a faculty member, Wood has also served twice as president of the Alumni Association and during her second term was responsible for instituting the Alumnus of the Year Award.

She spearheaded the effort to restore Sullivan Park, an area adjacent to New-some Hall dormitory and named in honor of Mrs. Janie Huff Sullivan, one of Wood's teachers at then East Central Junior College.

"Mrs. Sullivan was a dedicated teacher and always encouraged her students to be inquisitive, moral and ambitious," Wood said. "She spent a great deal of time planting shrubs and flowers on the east side of the campus."

Her latest project was the College's Memorabilia Room, which was completed in 2005. Located in Burton Library, the room houses various items of historical significance to East Central and its alumni. Wood, along with former librarians Gloria Johnson and Gail Wood, organized efforts for the creation and completion of the special area.

"The Memorabilia Room was a big project," Wood said. "We have collected many items from throughout the history of the college. We are already in need of more space and hope to be able to enlarge the area very soon."

She has helped raise funds and/or donated funds for trophy cases to house Athletic Hall of Fame inductee plaques, photos and frames for All-State athletes, flags for Burton Library and banners for her women's basketball championship

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teams. Wood most recently purchased a school flag, which will fly at Burton Library.

She was instrumental in the collection of athletic memorabilia that is housed in the trophy cases and on the walls in the College gym, having researched information on former All-State and All-American players from the years 1928 to 1974. Wood, with the assistance of former librarian Ann Burkes and her husband, the late Roger Burkes, collected information and photographs on past players and championship teams.

Wood has also been called on to speak at various programs throughout her tenure at ECCC, including the College's 75th anniversary in 2003. She was also a featured speaker at the dedication of Burton Library and the Walter Arno Vincent Administration Building.

She was a 2003 Mississippi Women's Conference Power of One honoree and in 2004 was selected as an "Ageless Hero" state award winner in the Love of Learning category by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mississippi. She is also the recipient of the Delta Kappa Gamma Red Rose award and is an honorary member of Theta Xi Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for the two-year college.

But, perhaps Lucille Wood is best recognized for her accomplishments in and contributions to women's athletics in Mississippi's junior colleges.

After playing basketball at Louisville High School and ECJC, Wood volunteered to coach women's basketball during her years at Co-Lin, but the job was given to someone else.

"I wanted to coach or help with the team, but was told by the administration that a 'woman' could not coach and the job was given to an agriculture teacher," Wood said.

Being turned down for the coaching job might have been the best thing to happen for women's athletics, as it laid the foundation for Wood's ideas concerning opportunities for girls and women in sports and coaching.

*Please join the ECCC family
as we honor
Miss Lucille Wood
upon her retirement,
following 58 years of service
in the field of education*

*Sunday, June 26, 2011
three o'clock in the afternoon
Vickers Fine Arts Center
East Central Community College
Decatur, Mississippi*

*Reception immediately following in the
Molly McGee Gold Room*

"Many people probably do not know that from 1954 until 1975, the Mississippi Junior College Athletic Association (MJCAA) did not recognize women's basketball as a sport. My second year at East Central (1957), a group of girls, led by (the late) Sue Gunter (longtime women's basketball coach at Louisiana State University and NCAA Hall of Fame inductee), wanted to play competitive basketball.

"Mr. Vincent gave approval for us to play and we scheduled about 10 games. Sue, who later excelled as a senior college player and coach, always gave credit to East Central for 'jump-starting' her career. I have to give credit to Mr. Vincent for allowing all those girls who were members of our 'Club Teams' to follow their dreams and for allowing me to follow my dream of being a coach," Wood said.

Wood led those "Club Teams" through the 1974-75 season, capturing state titles in 1970 and 1973. Following the MJCAA's recognition of women's basketball as an official sport in 1975-76, Wood's teams won state titles in 1976 and 1979.

"Our 1973 championship was won with a basketball borrowed from Neshoba

Central High School. We didn't have an official basketball for women at that time," Wood stated.

During this period, Wood also helped bring about the Title IX ruling, which provides equal opportunities for women. Through her efforts, the foundation for women's basketball was laid in 1975, and a number of scholarships were awarded to female athletes.

That same year, she was elected the first president of the Women's Basketball Association of Mississippi. She was also among the first coaches selected to lead a Mississippi junior college All-Star team. She was honored as Mississippi Association of Coaches 1978-79 "Coach of the Year" and was also recognized that same year in the Top 20 list of National Junior College "Coaches of the Year."

"My theme has always been to 'be the coach I never had,'" Wood said. "We didn't have a team at Louisville until my eleventh grade year and we had an assistant foot-

ball coach as our basketball coach. My first year at East Central, we were led by a football coach and the second year we were coached by a woman from New Jersey who taught physical education and knew nothing about basketball! I never had a real basketball coach so I have always tried to be what I never had."

In addition to her accolades as a basketball coach, Wood also led the ECJC volleyball "Club Team" to the 1970 state title, and from 1957 to 1976 she coached men and women's tennis teams. Five of her tennis players won state championships.

After retiring from coaching in 1986, Wood continued her interest in women's athletics by serving in various capacities. She completed a 10-year tenure as Region 23 Director of Women's Athletics and was presented the NJCAA Service Award in 1990.

She was inducted into the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame in 1986 and in 1988 was honored by having the ECCC physical education building named for her and

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Harrison's Love for EC Began in Jr. High

Ricky Harrison will retire from East Central Community College June 30, 2011, after 28 years as a drafting and design technology instructor, but his love for East Central began in his youth.

"My career at East Central has really been a blessing. It has been more than I could have ever asked for and received. My interest in East Central began when I was in junior high school and would come to watch the Warriors play football," Harrison said.

"That was something I wanted to do (play football) and had opportunity to do so in 1976-77. My time at EC as a student and faculty member has been a fantastic experience for me and my family and one for which I will always be grateful. I am indebted to EC for the opportunity to serve this five-county district. My hope is that I have made a difference in someone's life through these past years.

Harrison began his career at the college in 1983 and said the best part of his job has been the students.

"The thing that I like so much about my career at EC has been the opportunity to meet so many students and their families from our five-county district. I have friends all over the district that without my time at East Central, I would have never gotten to know them. There are not many communities that I don't know someone."

The biggest instructional challenge for Harrison has been keeping up with technology.

He said, "When I started at East Central, we didn't have a single computer on campus. Today I'm not sure how many we have, but everyone has their PC and there are several labs on campus.

"Technology has made some things easier in the classroom. It is a headache when it doesn't work. However, to have internet access to connect to the world has been a benefit for our program."

Although technology has changed some teaching strategies Harrison said that the hands-on method is still the best in the career fields and the best way to reach most students is to make learning fun.

"They have to enjoy what they are doing. The students have to know that you as an instructor truly care enough about them



Ricky Harrison

to help them obtain their educational and career goals."

Harrison said to improve education, in the future he hopes community colleges will take a serious look at enrollment standards.

"In the technology field, the fact that anybody and everybody can enroll has serious consequences in the end. There's too much money available for people to use to enter college. These monies could be better utilized if they went to students who really want a college degree instead of paying for some to come to college who are not serious about their education and career goals."

Harrison completed his associate's degree at East Central before earning the bachelor's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi.

"I attended college to receive training to be employed in the drafting field. The opportunity to teach was like being in the right place at the right time," Harrison said.

Among his career influences are former ECCC instructors and administrators Larry Blackburn, Chester Clark, O.L. Newell and John Adcock.

"I have also been blessed to have worked alongside Mrs. Polly Mayes. She is an outstanding person period. I will miss

"The students have to know that you as an instructor truly care enough about them to help them obtain their educational and career goals."

---Ricky Harrison

our Monday morning talks catching up on the local events. She is a real lady!"

In addition to his teaching, Harrison belongs to a number of professional organizations including the American Career and Technical Education Association and the Mississippi Association of Professional Surveyors.

He is a former Career-Technical Instructor of the Year, was named a Lamp-lighter, which honors outstanding community/junior college instructors; and was selected HEADWAE (Higher Education Appreciation Day: Working Towards Academic Excellence) instructor of the year.

Harrison is also a former sponsor for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and has been an avid supporter of Warrior athletics and the Warrior Club.

Harrison said when he is officially retired he will have a surveying business located in Decatur and plans to spend time with his wife, Janean, and son, Eli.

"I am excited that my wife, Janean, retired December 31 of the past year and we will have time to travel and help our son, Eli, as he enters into junior high school. We are looking forward to him being in junior high and high school.

"I guess Eli is my hobby, although I enjoy relic hunting and plan to spend some time doing that as well as some yard work, which I enjoy."

"East Central will always be in my heart and mind. I will miss the students, faculty and staff, but, I believe even better days are ahead for the drafting and design department."



George Plans to 'Not Make Too Many Plans'

Upon her retirement from East Central Community College on May 14, 2011, Early Childhood Education instructor Kathy George plans to "not make too many plans."

"The greatest thing is going to be 'not' setting the alarm," George said. "I really want to take a history class from Dr. (Phillip) Crenshaw (ECCC instructor) and travel to places that I have not yet seen," she said. "One of the nice things about retirement will be having the opportunity to visit with the rest of my family, including those who live in places like Minnesota, Indiana and Georgia."

George also plans to remain in Decatur.

"People have been asking me where I plan on living after retirement and I always tell them right here in Decatur. After more than 20 years, this is home and I have made many friends. I love living here and hope to continue visiting with my friends here in town and at East Central," she said.

George began her career at East Central in 1986 as director of the Childcare Attendant program, which was a six-month course. During the 1988-89 term, the program became a two-year technical degree program and only two years later became a two-teacher program. The most recent change was in name as the program is now known as Early Childhood Education.

"Watching the college grow from a little over 800 students when I began to the amount we have now has been the best thing," George said. "The greatest challenge, however, has been finding enough space to allow our program to grow."

The center accepted a maximum 14 children when it began in a small campus house in 1986. Today students in the Early Childhood Education program, along with instructors and full-time child care attendants now care for 30 children in a facility located in the Associate Degree Nursing/Child Care Technology Building, which opened in 1996. George said "The one thing I believe I will miss the most is my 'babies'. They provided many hours of entertainment and love."

George has not only witnessed the program she began double in size, but she's now seen some of those first children come back as college students.



Kathy George

"I remember our first child enrolled was Kassidy Griffin, granddaughter of Mrs. Sara Griffin (retired ECCC cosmetology instructor). Not only has she been an ECCC student, she has completed a college degree, married and is working in a very rewarding career," George said. "We've had many more of our pre-school children return to college here, too."

While the college has made significant changes through the years, George said her teaching methods have remained the same.

"The growth in technology is great, but sometimes it's hard to teach old dogs new tricks," she said. "I have tried to keep up with the times, at least to a certain degree, but I still feel students learn best by hands-on experiences. Hands-on learning and teacher example, I believe, are the most effective ways to reach students."

If George had one wish for the future of community college education it would be for the entire college to understand that today's career-technical student is equal to the academic student.

"Not only do career-technical students have to take classes regarding their field of study, but they also take academic courses and have excelled in both in areas. In addition, they have practical skills they must master in their major area."

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EC, but at Hinds (Community College). I still feel a community college education is a very good pathway to being able to deal with class sizes you find in a four-year college. Also, the education that you receive at a two-year institution is just as meaningful as that you receive in the first two years at a senior college."

George earned her bachelor's degree at the University of Southern Mississippi, and said she knew she wanted to work with young children while she was in college, but never thought she would be teaching others to work with them as well. Her greatest influence as an educator was USM instructor Elise Chichester, who taught Infant/Toddler courses.

"Mrs. Chichester was my early Child Development instructor at Southern.

She gave me my first job in the field as her summer student caregiver of children 1 to 2 years of age."

In addition, George has completed additional coursework at USM, Mississippi College, Millsaps College and Mississippi State University. She is a member of the Mississippi Early Childhood Association and the Southern Association of Early Childhood Education.

She has served on numerous ECCC committees and has been a sponsor of PASTE (Preschool Association of Student Teachers Education) and SkillsUSA.



McKee Plans to Begin 'The Bucket List' Chapter

As East Central Community College sociology instructor Maxine McKee gets ready to retire following the 2011 spring semester, she says she views retirement as a new chapter in her life.

"One chapter has ended and another chapter is about to begin," McKee said. "This new chapter is where my life blossoms with enthusiasm and where I have the time to enjoy life and fulfill some of my dreams and wishes of days long past. The title of this new chapter is 'The Bucket List.'"

McKee said her list includes traveling to her hometown of Syracuse, New York, and to spend time with family and friends.

"We spend most of our lives in the rush mode; rushing to grow up, to finish college, to get married, to raise our children and rushing to climb the career ladder. The feeling of not having to rush is ethereal. I now can take time out to enjoy my home, my family and my friends. I intend to enjoy and live the rest of my life to the fullest one day at a time," she said.

She began her career at East Central in 1996 and has taught Introduction to Sociology and Marriage and Family courses.

"Some of my best experiences at ECCC were the academic freedoms I was given to teach in a multicultural, diverse environment," McKee said. "My teaching method has evolved over time. As culture and society changed so did the norms and values within our society. Sociology never stagnates, but is forever evolving and redefining the study of human society."

The challenges of her career, she said, have come from reaching out to help students from different socio-economic and ethnic backgrounds, who "came to college facing a variety of person, emotional and financial issues."

"Many of the students whom I taught were at different grade levels. Some students were simply not college ready. My 'A' students were determined to make their A, but many of the disadvantaged students I taught needed extra encouragement and support to make a 'C' in my class.

"I have performed multiple roles as an educator at ECCC. There were many times during my tenure that I was not only the educator, I was the mentor, the therapist,



Maxine McKee

the counselor, the cheerleader, and when times called for it, I was the mother to my students.

"The point I am trying to make here is that a professor's job cannot and should not be confined within the walls of a classroom. I cared about each student who entered my classroom and was willing to go that extra mile to make a difference in the student's life."

McKee quoted William Arthur Ward when asked how she effectively reaches students: "The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires."

She said, "I pray that words, actions and love for sociology made a difference to my student's lives during my tenure at ECCC. I believe that inspiration, encouragement and my willingness to go that extra mile with a student are the best way to reach the new generation."

While technology has changed the face of the traditional classroom, allowing students almost instant access to information from around the world, McKee said it could also bring unwelcomed side effects.

"Students today are navigating social networking websites, downloading music, uploading photos and videos, journaling, e-mailing, blogging, building personal

websites and playing video games with people from around the world," McKee said. "However, with all the benefits that technology brings, many students lack the ability to think critically, logically or to perform in-depth analysis and research in order to assimilate valuable information even with the aid of the internet. I believe that the major challenge that future educators will encounter is how to harness the student's technological skills toward a useful purpose beyond entertainment."

McKee received her bachelor and master's degrees in sociology with an emphasis in criminal justice from Jackson State University and completed 57 hours towards the Public Policy and Administration Ph.D. at JSU. It was early during her college career that she knew she wanted to become a teacher.

"I have always dreamed of being a college professor. I believe that college molds and shapes life experiences of our future leaders and citizens and is the place where I felt my teaching would have the greatest impact on a student's life, educational goals and career aspirations.

"I stand on the shoulders of sociology giants Dr. Orville Cunningham, Dr. Romel Benjamin, Dr. Marlene Setze and Dr. Dorothy Idleberg, who were my inspiration and role models and who passed the torch of enlightenment, knowledge and love of sociology on to me.

"I realized early as a college student that I wanted to influence the minds of students, young and old, by broadening their knowledge, horizons and sparking their interest about the world and the society in which we live."

Prior to her tenure at East Central, McKee held teaching positions at Jackson State University and Tougaloo College in Jackson. She is a former Lamplighter honoree, which recognizes outstanding instructors in Mississippi's community and Junior colleges.

"During my time as an instructor at East Central, I have observed and been a part of tremendous change and progress in education. I believe that East Central Community College is one of the finest

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Wroten Honored for Service

Henry Wroten (right) was recently honored for his 35 years of service on the maintenance staff at East Central Community College in Decatur. Wroten served as a custodian since 1976. He is shown during his retirement reception with physical plant director Artie Foreman who presented a check and various gifts to the Decatur resident on behalf of the College's maintenance department and other staff members.



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colleges in the state of Mississippi and consider it an honor to have been a member of the instructional staff for 15 years," McKee said.

"My time at ECCC has played such an integral and pivotal role in my life and I will fondly remember the college, students, faculty and staff and especially my dearest and closest friends, Mary Boulton and Brenda Johnson, in the years ahead. I

will greatly miss my EC family."

McKee has one daughter, Debora McKee, a systems software engineer for the Mississippi Department of Transportation, and one son, Eugene Jones, Jr., who owns his own trucking business in Tennessee. She has one granddaughter, Shawntiah Noel Jones, who attends medical school at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

In addition to spending time with her family, McKee said the first item on her "Bucket List" is to purchase a full length mink coat and matching mink hat.

"I also plan to travel throughout the continental United States and to visit Europe to see the marvels of Vatican City in Rome. These are my short term goals, but my long term goal is to simply enjoy life."

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All-American basketball player Denver Brackeen, who she also coached with at East Central.

Her most recent athletic honors came in 2004 and 2007 when she was inducted into the NJCAA Women's Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame and the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges Sports Hall of Fame, respectively.

However, Wood said that her greatest reward was during Homecoming activities in 2003, when she organized a reunion of her former "Club Team" players and presented "letters" to them.

"I was so afraid they would not show, but they did—all with college degrees and professional jobs! Many had careers in

education and had completed master and specialist degrees. There were mothers and grandmothers in attendance. It was the best day of my professional life!" Wood said.

"The years I spent coaching the non-scholarship players (club teams) were the most rewarding. We had homemade uniforms. They furnished their own shoes and socks. They played for no other reason than because they loved the game! They were also outstanding students," she added.

In retirement, she plans to continue her relationship with East Central as a volunteer in the College's Foundation and Alumni Relations Office, working with Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive direc-

tor. Wood already has her sights set on her next big project: the restoration of Founders' Gymnasium.

Of her retirement, Wood said, "I am very humbled and honored to have been a member of the faculty and/or coaching staff of my alma mater for a combined half a century plus years. I thank the administrations past and present for the opportunities of professional and personal development provided to me over the years. East Central is significant to me and I cherish the many memories of my colleagues and the students whose lives I tried to impact in a very positive manner. While I am looking forward to retirement, I will miss the interaction with the students and my colleagues."



Wright Never Considered Another Career

Sylvia Wright graduated from high school hoping that she would return one day to teach and now wonders if she's really ready to give up the career she loves. She retired from East Central Community College May 14, 2011, following a 31-year career in education.

"It seems like only yesterday that I applied for my first teaching job. I can't believe that I've been working 31 years. I guess when you really love your job, time flies. I am truly excited about retiring, yet wondering if I am ready to give up the career that I know God set before me."

When asked if she had ever considered another career, Wright said, "I never considered any other plan. I can't imagine where I would have been happier or more blessed."

Wright began her career at East Central in 2004 as a mathematics instructor. She teaches courses in Developmental Algebra, Intermediate Algebra, College Algebra, Trigonometry and pre-Calculus. Prior to her position at ECCC, Wright taught mathematics at Nanih Waiya High School.

"The last seven years at East Central have been wonderful. I have developed friendships and memories that I will keep forever. I have felt wonderful support from the administration, other faculty and staff members, and especially from the math/computer science department. I have also enjoyed the students in my classes. My job has been so rewarding each time a student said, 'Oh, I get it now! I never understood that before now.'"

Looking back on her career, Wright said improved funding is one of the greatest needs for community colleges today.

"Increased funds will be needed to keep our college updated with the latest technology, staffed with the best instructors, and funded for constant repairs and improvements to the campus."

She said she has also been challenged through the years to reach young minds that often don't see the importance of education, don't display moral character and find themselves easily swayed by the latest trends in society.

"Each year brings a new group of students that have individual differences, ideals and attitudes that differ from the last



Sylvia Wright

group of students. A major challenge in my career has been motivating students to take responsibility for their own futures, which start with a good education."

As technology has evolved, so have Wright's teaching styles and methods.

"Students no longer want pencil and paper classrooms," Wright said. "They enjoy the conveniences of technology. Classrooms full of computers, calculators and cell phones have changed teaching techniques and student learning for everyone. Students are now connected to a worldwide classroom. Technology has made learning more interesting, readily available and a great motivational factor."

Although her classroom methods may have evolved, one thing has remained the same is her compassion and understanding for her students.

"When students realize that you are truly interested in their lives, they take an interest in what you have to say. Over the years, I have learned that not everyone eats a hot meal and gets a good night's sleep before coming to school. Many college students have full time jobs while attending classes. As an instructor, I can understand their difficulties and show some compassion and understanding, or make their lives even more difficult and trying. I have always tried to treat my students like

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I would like to be treated. A positive word can change the hardest of hearts."

Wright, who said she feels "extremely blessed" to be part of the EC family has no special plans for retirement.

"I want to be home when my husband is home, wait for that time when I will have grandchildren, and enjoy a few hobbies," she said. "I love to sew and bake. I would also like to participate in mission work with my church."

Wright is married to John Wright of Louisville. She has three children: Matthew Sloan, Mallory Sloan and Morgan Wright. Special family members include Melissa Gookin and her son, Seth Griffin.

She is a graduate of Mississippi State University, where she received the bachelor and master's degrees in mathematics. She is a member of the Mississippi Council of Teachers of Mathematics, is a former advisor for Phi Theta Kappa honor society and was selected a Lamplighter, which recognizes outstanding community/junior college faculty members.



Fox-Smith Selected 'Academic Instructor of the Year'

Upon her selection as East Central Community College's Instructor of the Year, psychology instructor Susan Fox-Smith said, "It is such an honor! As an educator, I am always looking at different ways to help students find their strengths. I look at this honor as my peers seeing me as a strength for my students."

Fox-Smith said successful students have been the highlight of her career as an educator.

"The greatest highlight of my career is having students be successful in their career. I saw one of my former students from ECCC recently and she has her own business and loves what she is doing. She told me 'Thank you.' It always makes me feel like I am successful when I hear those words. It never fails that wherever I travel I always see former students who are successful. That influences me to continue to be an educator," Fox-Smith said.

Her career as an educator began with a love for coaching.

"Coaching is all I have ever really wanted to do and teaching is a part of coaching, although most people do not see it that way. Getting the chance to have an impact on the lives of students is what makes me love teaching," she said.

Fox-Smith currently teaches General Psychology and Human Growth and Development classes at East Central. Prior to her position at the College, she served as Career Discover Teacher at Neshoba Central High School where she also served as assistant girls' basketball coach from 1999-2002 and head coach from 2002-2003.

She is also a former head tennis and assistant basketball coach at Mississippi College and taught elementary physical education and coached tennis at Lamar School in Lauderdale County. In addition, she served as an adjunct instructor at ECCC.

Many people have served as influences in Fox-Smith's career, including her parents, Betty Langston and the late Frank Langston, and her high school basketball coach, Dale Williamson.

However, she said her greatest influence in the classroom came from Ovid Vickers during her days as a student at



Susan Fox-Smith

East Central.

"He is, by far, my favorite teacher I ever had. He was tough as a teacher and expected your best, but made the class fun and exciting. I still remember his class, where I sat and a lot of the information I learned. That is the kind of teacher I wanted to be. I had no idea I would one day be teaching at EC and even teaching in the same room that I sat in as a student with Mr. Vickers as my teacher," Fox-Smith said.

Fox-Smith said with the current financial conditions, it's hard not to be discouraged some days but her students make it worthwhile.

"With the economic standing of our state and the lack of money that is essential to teaching, it is hard not to be discouraged at times. We as educators have had to bear the brunt of teaching classes that are overfilled and lacking in technology needs and we are doing it for less pay than most K-12 and university instructors. How can that not be discouraging?"

"But we know that the education we provide students of today is what makes our leaders of tomorrow, so I continue to teach because of my students. That's the best part of my job. It's funny how students are so different but also alike.

"I also like the aspect of using technol-

"Getting the chance to have an impact on the lives of students is what makes me love teaching,"

---Susan Fox-Smith

ogy in today's classroom. It has greatly enhanced learning on all levels for students."

Fox-Smith shared three of her favorite quotes.

"These are three of my favorite sayings and I always try to remember them in teaching and everyday life," she said. "'Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see,' 'I can do all things through Christ, which strengthens me,' and 'Attitude reflects leadership.'"

In addition to her teaching duties, Fox-Smith serves as chairperson of the ECCC Beauty Pageant Committee and is a member of the Mississippi Psychological Association and Women in Higher Education. She is a member of Bethsaida Baptist Church in Philadelphia. She was selected a Lamplighter in 2006, which recognizes outstanding community and junior college instructors in the State of Mississippi each year.

She is a graduate of Leake Academy and received her associate's degree at East Central Junior College. She completed bachelor's degrees in physical education and elementary education from Mississippi State University and received a Master of Education-Counseling degree from Mississippi College. She has completed additional coursework at Belhaven College and Mississippi University for Women.

She and her husband, Bill, who serves as ECCC head women's basketball coach, have three children: Andy, Chandler and Mackie.



Everett Honored as 'Career-Tech Instructor of the Year'

When notified of his selection as East Central Community College's Career-Technical Instructor of the Year, John Everett said, "I feel there are other more deserving instructors; however, I am very honored and delighted to be named Instructor of the Year."

He began his career in education teaching electricity classes through the College's Workforce Development Center.

"After I started teaching at night with Workforce Development, I discovered I enjoyed teaching," Everett said. "Through this process, I discovered I liked the feeling of helping those in my field learn new things."

He currently teaches courses in Commercial and Industrial Wiring, Motor Control Systems, Motor Maintenance and Troubleshooting, Branch Circuit and Service Entrance Calculations, Switching Circuits for Residential, Commercial, and Industrial Applications and Special Projects.

Everett said the most rewarding part of his job is seeing former students excel in their chosen field and that he only get discouraged when he sees a student with tremendous potential not performing to his or her ability.

"It's encouraging to see students that leave my class and become successful in their field, whether it is by opening their own businesses or through employment, using the information they have learned at ECCC," Everett said.

A former instructor and current and former co-workers have had the biggest influence on Everett's career.



John Everett

"Jerry Humphreys, my uncle and a former industrial maintenance instructor at Meridian Community College, was a big influence in my career decision as he encouraged me to attend college and set an excellent example of what a teacher should be. Wayne Eason, Director of Workforce Education, and John Adcock, former Director of Career-Technical Education, influenced me as well by exemplifying great leadership skills, and Roger Whitlock, Dean of Workforce Development and Education, and Jim Hansford, former Industrial Coordinator for the Workforce Development Center, helped me to get started teaching through

Workforce Development."

Everett added, "I am very blessed to work with the quality of faculty and staff at East Central Community College and very thankful for the opportunities and honors which have been given me while teaching here."

He has been actively involved with the ECCC chapter of SkillsUSA, a national nonprofit organization serving teachers and high school and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations, including health occupations. It was formerly known as VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America).

In addition, he is a member of the Decatur Volunteer Fire Department and serves as Vice President of the Mississippi Association of Electrical Instructors. He was selected a Lamplighter in 2007, which recognizes outstanding community and junior college instructors in the State of Mississippi each year.

Everett received associate degrees in Electrical Technology and Computer Servicing Technology from East Central Community College. He also holds a certificate in Heating and Air Conditioning Technology from ECCC and completed a certificate in Industrial Maintenance from Meridian Community College. He has completed additional coursework at the University of Southern Mississippi and Mississippi State University.

He has three children: Jessica, John Michael and Grace.



ECCC Instructors of the Year

These East Central Community College faculty members were honored at the College's annual end-of-the-year luncheon held May 12, 2011, on the Decatur campus. From left are psychology instructor Susan Fox-Smith, who was chosen Academic Instructor of the Year; and electrical technology instructor John Everett, chosen Career-Technical Instructor of the Year. Smith joined the ECCC faculty in 2004 and Everett began his employment at the College in 1999. The awards were presented by Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, vice president for instruction.



Display New ECCC Flag

Shown displaying a new East Central Community College flag, which will hang near Burton Memorial Library on the Decatur campus, are (from left) sophomores Willard Bacon of Philadelphia, Lindsey Bishop of Sebastopol, Meredith McKee of Philadelphia, Kasie Buckley of Little Rock and Charles Hill of Carthage. The flag was donated by Miss Lucille Wood of Louisville, who recently retired following 55 years as a physical education instructor at the College. In her tenure, she has also served as women's basketball, volleyball and tennis coach and chairman of the Social Science, Business and Education Division. She has completed 58 years service as a community college instructor and has received various honors throughout her career, including induction into the NJCAA Women's Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame, Mississippi Community College Sports Hall of Fame and ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame. She is also a recipient of the ECCC Alumna of the Year award.

2011-12 Cheerleaders Selected

Members of the 2011-12 cheerleading squad were recently selected at East Central Community College in Decatur, announced Shelly Thoms, cheer coach.

Sophomore cheerleaders and their respective high schools include Madison Nowell and Channing Bucklew, both of Winston Academy; Drew Smith, Louisville; Dayton Johnson and Whitney Stokes, both of Neshoba Central; Katie Reeves, Hailey Dunavent, Zach Pigg, Jesse Holloway and Whitney Myers, all of Newton County; Jacob Johnson, Nanih Waiya; and Ashli Bell, Scott Central.

Freshman squad members are Mallory Holder, Sylva Bay Academy; Claire Tadlock, Newton County; Aubree Middleton, Raleigh; and Kayleigh McCool, Neshoba Central.

Sophomore Lane Evans of Nanih Waiya was chosen Warrior Chief mascot.

Jackson Named Adult Recruiter for Home Saver Program

Matthew B. Jackson of Petal was recently selected to serve area community colleges as Adult Recruiter for the federally-funded Home Saver Program.



Matthew Jackson

In the new position, Jackson is responsible for targeting, recruiting and enrolling adult students who are home owners, unemployed or underemployed and financially struggling to pay their mortgages. He will also provide progress reports of program participants and assist them with graduating from college.

His area of service includes three community college districts: East Central Community College in Decatur; Meridian Community College; Jones County Junior College in Ellisville; and the Mississippi Home Corporation as an advocate for the Home Saver Program.

Jackson previously served as Resource Development and Communications Manager for the Hattiesburg Area Habitat for Humanity and is a former account manager for WHLT-TV CBS 22 in Hattiesburg. He is also a former recruiter for the Mississippi Air National Guard, based in the Hattiesburg area. In addition, he has several years experience as a support manager at Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., in Hattiesburg.

A military veteran, Jackson served in the United States Air Force from 1997-2002.

He is married to ECCC alumna Dr. Nykela (Horne) Jackson, who serves as Education Department Chair at William Carey University. Dr. Horne is a 2000 ECCC graduate and graduated from Neshoba Central High School in 1998.



Scarbrough Joins ECCC Staff



Abby Scarbrough

Abigail A. Scarbrough of Newton is a recent addition to financial aid department at East Central Community College.

Prior to joining the ECCC staff, Scarbrough served as an employment services interviewer with the

Mississippi Department of Employment Security.

She is a 2003 graduate of Oak Grove High School in Hattiesburg and received a Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication with an emphasis in News-Editorial Journalism in 2008 from the University of Southern Mississippi.

She is married to Jeremy Scarbrough of Meridian. He teaches general music at Newton County High School.

Abigail is the daughter of Michael and Karan McMullen of Hattiesburg.



Hollingsworth Selected Board Vice Chairman

Dr. Jimmy Hollingsworth (center) of Lake was chosen Vice Chairman of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees at the April 12, 2011 meeting. He is shown with Board Chairman Prentice Copeland (left) of Philadelphia and ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin. Dr. Hollingsworth succeeds Jack Winstead of Lawrence who resigned from the Board of Trustees after moving to Rankin County. Dr. Hollingsworth was valedictorian at Lake High School and graduated with honors from ECCC and Mississippi State University, where he received a bachelor's degree in science education. He received a Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from the University of Mississippi Medical School of Dentistry. He has practiced general and hospital dentistry in Newton since 1993. He is also on the staffs of Rush Hospital, Pioneer Hospital and Lackey Memorial Hospital. He is a member and past president of Newton Rotary Club and served as Assistant Governor of Rotary District 6820 from 2002 to 2005. He was recognized as a 2010 Mississippi State University Fellow representing MSU-Meridian. He is also a member of the MSU-Meridian Dean's Advisory Council. In addition, Dr. Hollingsworth is a member of the American and Mississippi dental associations and serves the state organization as District III president. He is married to the former Sharon Ezelle of Forest. They have a daughter, Abby. They are members of First Baptist Church in Lake.



Licensed Practical Nursing Students Receive First-Place Honor

Students of the Licensed Practical Nursing Program at East Central Community College recently received first place in the Student Poster Contest at the Mississippi Licensed Practical Nursing Association Convention held at the Silver Star Resort & Casino in Choctaw for their poster titled, "Wild About Nursing." The team received a \$250 check for the ECCC Practical Nursing Association for the honor. The students receiving the top award for their poster include: front row from left, Brook Addy of Decatur, Kim Thomas of Walnut Grove and Sandra Phillips of Morton; and back row from left, Nancy Sciple of Decatur, Chestina Ingram of Louisville, Stephanie Peters of Philadelphia and Kim Noblin of Forest. Instructors for the LPN program are Theresa Cole, Alicia Gatlin and Melanie Pinter.



All-Mississippi Academic Team Members

Representing East Central Community College in Decatur on the 2011 All-Mississippi Academic Teams are sophomores Meredith McKee (left) and Sarah Breland (right), both of Philadelphia, who are shown with ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin in front of the Mississippi State Capitol. McKee was chosen on the All-Mississippi Academic First Team and received a \$1,000 stipend. Breland was named to the All-Mississippi Academic Second Team. Both honorees are products of Neshoba Central High School and were among the state's community and junior college students recognized for academic excellence and leadership accomplishments by the Mississippi State Legislature earlier this month. The All-Mississippi Academic Team program is coordinated by The Clarion-Ledger, Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges and the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges. (Photo courtesy Northwest Mississippi Community College Public Relations Staff)



Simmons Scholarship Established at ECCC

A scholarship in memory of Dr. Omar Simmons was recently established at East Central Community College.

The annual award pays tribute to the late physician for his more than 35 years of medical practice to the Newton community.

Dr. Simmons began his medical practice in family medicine and general surgery in Newton in 1931. He also served as the Newton Hospital administrator from 1940 to 1967.

He received numerous honors throughout his distinguished career.

In 1969, Dr. Simmons was named Doctor of the Year by the Mississippi State Medical Association and was presented the Robbins Award for his contributions to community service.

He served as president of several organizations, including the Mississippi State Medical Association, Mississippi Hospital Association and East Mississippi Medical Society.

He was a director of the Mississippi Division of the American Cancer Society and board member of the Commission on Hospital Care.

Dr. Simmons was a former president of the Newton Chamber

of Commerce and served as elder, Sunday school superintendent and Clerk of Sessions in the Presbyterian Church.

When he retired in 1967, he was honored by the City of Newton with Dr. Omar Simmons Day.

A native of Louin, Dr. Simmons received his undergraduate degree from the University of Mississippi and earned his medical degree at the University of Tennessee.

He was married to Ruth Toole Simmons. Dr. Simmons died in 1986 at age 89.

Applicants for the Dr. Omar Simmons Memorial Scholarship must be a resident of Newton County; a pre-med major; have an ACT composite score of at least 25; and be enrolled at ECCC as a freshman or sophomore student.

The amount of the scholarship award will be based on the interest earnings from the endowment corpus.

Scholarship recipients will be selected by the ECCC Scholarship Committee.

For more information, contact ECCC Student Services, 601-635-2375 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 375. The e-mail address is rlee@eccc.edu.



Adcock, Holyfield Selected Mr., Miss ECCC



Jenny Holyfield and Justin Adcock

Justin Ray Adcock of Conehatta (right) and Virginia Faye "Jenny" Holyfield of Little Rock were recently selected Mr. and Miss East Central Community College by a vote of the student body association.

Adcock, the son of Ronnie and Kristi Adcock, is a 2009 graduate of Newton County High School and is a psychology and music business major. He is a member of the East Central Environmental Club and was a member of the Wall O' Sound Marching Band his freshman year.

He is a member of Hudson Chapel Church of God and enjoys playing the guitar and bass and working on cars.

He said of East Central, "My favorite thing about EC is the friendly faculty and small campus. Football games are my favorite on-campus activity."

His future plans include becoming a music producer in Nashville.

Holyfield is the daughter of John and Patsy Holyfield and is a 2009 graduate of Newton County High School.

A business administration major, she serves as vice president of the sophomore class and is a member of the ECCC Concert Choir, Phi Theta Kappa, President's Council and Warrior Corps.

She is a member of Hopewell Baptist Church and enjoys painting as a hobby.

Holyfield received the Kinoth and Ella Mae Thornton Scholarship, Ona Mae Ethridge Scholarship and an ACT scholarship. She was also selected for *Who's Who Among Students in American Community/Junior Colleges*.

When asked about ECCC, she said, "I love the abundance of friendly faces and there are always opportunities to make new friends. Spring Spree is my favorite on-campus activity."

Her future plans include becoming a CEO of a top corporation and retiring to own a business full of her own artwork.

ECCC Associate Degree Nursing Program Re-Accredited

East Central Community College's Associate Degree Nursing Program has received accreditation for another eight-year period, according to the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc. Board of Commissioners, headquartered in Atlanta, Ga.

ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin received notification of the reaccreditation from Sharon J. Tanner, EdD, RN, Chief Executive Officer of the NLNAC Board of Commissioners.

In the letter, Dr. Tanner congratulated the College's ADN Program on its "outstanding achievement" and added the Commission "looks forward to continued successes for your nursing program."

Dr. Sutphin said reaccreditation "is evidence that the College provides strong teaching and learning to students in our district and that we can provide quality employees in the healthcare field."

Dr. Betsy Mann, dean of healthcare education at the College, said she is "very pleased and proud" the ADN program has

received reaccreditation. She also expressed appreciation to the nursing faculty and staff for their dedication and hard work the past 18 months in preparing for the onsite visit.

She described the reaccreditation procedure as a "very rigorous process that validates the quality nursing education that we provide at East Central."

"This process assures that educators maintain competency in providing nursing education that is based on professional standards and guidelines and evidence-based practices that our community deserves," said Dr. Mann. "It also allows East Central the opportunity to showcase the technological advancements that we have incorporated to provide the best nursing graduates for the East Central district."

Members of the Associate Degree Nursing faculty include Lisa Gorgas, Sherri Cantey, Paula Russum, Christy Savell, Evadna Lyons, Tina McDyess, Denita Thomas, Martie Vaughn and Lori Luke.

The next evaluation visit is scheduled for fall 2018.



Bounds Joins Board of Trustees

Rodney Bounds (center) of Newton was recently welcomed as a new member of the East Central Community College Board of Trustees. He is shown with Board Chairman Prentice Copeland (left) of Philadelphia and ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin following the April 12, 2011 meeting on the Decatur campus. Bounds is a retired Newton County official, having served 28 years as Circuit Clerk. He is also a former coach and led teams in Purvis, Beulah Hubbard and Newton prior to entering politics. He coached junior high football and baseball at Purvis for one year and led high school football teams at Beulah Hubbard for seven years and Newton for two years. He won several conference titles at Beulah Hubbard. A graduate of Newton High School, Bounds attended ECCC and was a member of the Warrior football team. He continued his education at the University of Southern Mississippi, where he received a bachelor's degree in physical education. He is married to the former Betty Castles of Lake. They have a son, Kevin; a daughter, Kelly; and five grandchildren:

Shelley Joins Career-Technical Staff



Matthew Shelley

Matthew Shelley of Forest was recently named an electrical technology instructor at East Central Community College.

Prior to joining the College's career-technical faculty, Shelley served an advanced skill trainer for

ECCC's Workforce Development, a position he held since September 2006. He also has several years experience as an adjunct instructor in electrical technology and the industrial maintenance area.

Shelley was previously employed as maintenance supervisor and technician at LA-Z-Boy in Newton, from 1998-2006.

He also served from 1976-1998 as an industrial and commercial electrician/supervisor at Shelley's Electrical in Sebastopol.

A graduate of Scott Central High School, Shelley received an associate's degree in electronic technology from ECCC in 2008.

ECCC Scholarship Honors Jessica Cager

A scholarship in memory of East Central Community College alumnus Jessica Cager was recently established at the College by Piggly Wiggly of Union.

Cager was an employee of the grocery store when she lost her life in automobile accident in Oct. 17, 2010.

She was a 2004 graduate of Union High School and 2008 graduate of ECCC, where she was a member of the Wall O' Sound Marching Band's Color Guard, Concert Choir, Ac'cents Show Choir and Gospel Choir.

The scholarship will be funded in the amount of \$600 per year by Piggly Wiggly of Union, Inc. Any additional donations made to the scholarship fund will be added to the total and

awarded in the fall semester each academic school year. The scholarship recipient will be selected annually by the ECCC Scholarship Committee.

To qualify for the Jessica Cager Memorial Scholarship, candidates are required to meet the following criteria: graduate of Union High School; an incoming ECCC freshman participating in band or choir; show financial need; and have a minimum 2.5 grade point average.

For more information, contact ECCC Student Services, 601-635-2375 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 375. The e-mail address is rlee@eccc.edu.



Copeland Scholarship Established at ECCC

A scholarship in honor of Prentice and Dorothy Copeland of Philadelphia was recently established at East Central Community College in Decatur.

The academic scholarship, approved at the April 12, 2011, meeting of the ECCC Board of Trustees, honors the Neshoba County couple for their contributions to education.

Copeland is a longtime member of the College's Board of Trustees and currently serves as Board Chairman, a position he has held since 1996. He began his service on the ECCC Board of Trustees in 1967, when he was elected Superintendent of Neshoba County Schools. He served as Supt. for 21 ½ years until his retirement in 1988.

Prior to his service as county superintendent, Copeland was selected the first high school principal of Neshoba Central and served in that capacity from 1963 to 1967.

He began his career in education as a math instructor at Coldwater and later served at Zephyr Hill for four years until the consolidation of Neshoba County Schools.

In addition to teaching math during his career, Copeland coached basketball for 10 years and served as a high school principal for six years. He accumulated 37 ½ years service in education when he retired.

Copeland began his educational pursuits at Bond Element-



Prentice and Dorothy Copeland

tary School in Neshoba County and graduated high school at Bond before attending then East Central Junior College. He continued his education at Mississippi Southern, now known as the University of Southern Mississippi, where he received a bachelor's degree in math in 1951 and a master's degree in math in 1954.

Copeland is a military veteran, having served in the U.S. Army during World War II and the Army National Guard during the Korean Conflict. After his discharge from the Army, he soon began his career in education.

His wife, Dorothy, a homemaker, is a graduate of Bloomo High School in Neshoba County and supported her husband throughout his career in education.

Recipients of the Prentice and Dorothy Copeland Scholarship will be selected by the ECCC Scholarship Committee.

To qualify, applicants must be a graduate of a high school in Neshoba County with preference given to a Neshoba Central High School student; enroll as a fulltime student at East Central Community College in the fall following graduation; and have a minimum of a "B" average on all high school math courses taken. Preference will also be given to students majoring in math.

For more information, contact ECCC Student Services, 601-635-6205 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 205. The e-mail address is rlee@eccc.edu.

Renew Your Alumni Association Membership

It's time once again to renew your commitment to the East Central Community College Alumni Association. Thanks to past support by loyal alumni and friends, the Association was able to fund three full-tuition scholarships for deserving EC students.

Your annual Alumni Association contributions help to continue the growth of the Association and to benefit the next generation of alumni. Membership dues run on a fiscal year basis (July to June 30). Annual dues are \$10 single and \$15 joint, or you may pay your lifetime membership dues, \$100 single lifetime or \$150 joint lifetime. If you are already a lifetime member, please consider making a general donation to the Alumni Association.

Checks should be made payable to the ECCC Alumni Association and mailed to P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327.



Crenshaw Nursing Scholarship Established at ECCC

A scholarship honoring Frances Brown Crenshaw of Newton for her more than 43 years of nursing service was recently endowed at East Central Community College in Decatur.

Crenshaw began her nursing career in 1957 at Newton Hospital, where she served until 1961. She later joined her husband, Dr. Charles N. Crenshaw, Jr., in opening a general practice clinic in Morton in 1963. The couple relocated to Newton in 1977 where they served residents of the Newton community for 23 years.

Mrs. Crenshaw remains an active member of the Newton community. At Newton United Methodist Church, she serves as a Sunday school teacher, member of Faith Circle and Ultreya. She also organizes community blood drives for NUMC and volunteers with the Wesley Foundation at ECCC.

A native of Meridian, Crenshaw is a 1949 graduate of Enterprise High School. She completed the Rush Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in 1952 and married Charles N. Crenshaw the same year.

Applicants for the Frances Brown Crenshaw Nursing Scholarship must be a pre-bachelor of science in nursing or associate degree nursing major; reside in Newton County; and have a 3.0 grade point average during freshman year at ECCC.

The scholarship will be awarded to ECCC students for their sophomore year.

The amount of the scholarship award will be based on earnings from the endowment corpus.

Scholarship recipients will be selected by the ECCC Scholarship Committee.

For more information, contact ECCC Student Services, 601-635-2375 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 375. The e-mail address is rlee@eccc.edu.



Frances Brown Crenshaw (third from left in front) of Newton is shown with family members who helped establish a scholarship in her honor at East Central Community College in Decatur. Front row, from left, are Kim Brown Crenshaw, Charles Naurice Crenshaw III, Mrs. Crenshaw and Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for foundation and alumni relations at ECCC. Back row, from left, are Howard Thomas Crenshaw, Louis Pickett Crenshaw, Jan Crenshaw Frady and Joellyn Crenshaw Brelsford.

ECCC Holds Ribbon-Cutting for Helipad

Alton Foreman (second from left) of Little Rock cuts a ribbon to officially dedicate a helicopter landing pad located on the north campus of East Central Community College in Decatur. Foreman, a retired member of the College's maintenance staff, provided funding for the helipad, which will provide "a more secure and safer area" for emergency medical transport, according to officials. Medical helicopters previously utilized other areas of campus for emergency transport. Also participating in the Feb. 21 ribbon-cutting ceremony were (from left) ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin; Decatur Mayor Randy Rushing; and Sam Marshall, Meridian Base Manager, University of Mississippi Healthcare Department of Helicopter Transport-Air Care. Marshall said the helipad "provides a rendezvous point when we have critically injured patients and allows us to bring a critical care team to a rural area in Mississippi and then quickly transport them to a trauma center or hospital that is able to take care of that type of patient." During his comments, Mayor Rushing said the helipad "lets medical personnel know where they are going...and may save crucial minutes that may be the factor in someone's life being saved." Dr. Sutphin said community colleges "sometimes are the only game in town to provide certain services. And we have a place that is flat, secure and easily accessible...so pilots can know exactly where they are coming and be safe in getting here." The lighted, concrete helipad was constructed by the College's maintenance department.





ECCC Chosen Top 120 Community College in Nation; Competing for \$1 Million Aspen Prize

East Central Community College has been named to a list of national two-year colleges under consideration for the \$1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence.

The prize-winning college will be chosen in December.

Officials at ECCC were notified of the college's selection just days before the official announcement on April 25 in Washington, D.C., said ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin.

"East Central is honored by this recognition," he said. "To be selected as one of 120 community colleges out of almost 1,200 to compete for the Community College Excellence Award based on publicly available performance measures is tremendous. The notification acknowledges the quality of the instructors and students that we have at the College."

Each of the 120 colleges ranked has demonstrated high standards for learning, college completion without delay, and community colleges as training grounds for jobs that pay competitive wages, making them eligible for the prize, according to a press release from the Aspen Institute.

The 120 community colleges announced were selected from a national pool of nearly 1,200 using publicly available data on student outcomes. The data was analyzed by an expert advisory committee. The data focuses on completion, considered from three perspectives, each weighed equally:

- Performance (retention, graduation rates including transfers, and degrees and certificates per 100 "full time equivalent" students)
- Improvement (improvement of completion performance over time)
- Equity (institutional record for completion outcomes for disadvantaged students)

The 120 community colleges named are eligible to sub-

mit applications containing detailed data on degree/certificate completion (including progress and transfer rates), labor market outcomes (employment and earnings) and student learning outcomes. They must demonstrate that they deliver exceptional student results, use data to drive decisions, and continually improve over time.

The Aspen Institute's mission is to foster values-based leadership, encouraging individuals to reflect on the ideals and ideas that define a good society, and to provide a neutral and balanced venue for discussing and acting on critical issues, according to its Web site. The institute is based in Washington, D.C., Aspen, Colo., and Maryland's Eastern Shore.

A Finalist Selection Committee of former community college presidents and faculty, along with researchers and policy experts, will review extensive data reports submitted by each participating community college to select eight to 10 finalists. The final group will be named in September, and site visits will be made to each college.

The Aspen Prize will honor excellence, shine a spotlight on community colleges that deliver exceptional results in student completion rates and workforce success, stimulate innovation and define success, according to the institute's Web site.

Crediting the faculty and staff of ECCC for this recognition, Sutphin said, should ECCC win, the prize money would directly benefit the faculty and staff.

"I would like to begin by adding to the endowment of the Faculty Excellence Fund for staff development," he said.

Four other Mississippi community colleges - Delta, Pearl River, Hinds and Mississippi Gulf Coast - are among the 120 finalists.



Award-Winning Art Students

Displaying their award-winning artwork are East Central Community College students (from left) Tara Martin of Forest and Brittany Bobo of Union, who are shown with art instructor Christopher Brady on the Decatur campus. Martin won honorable mention in printmaking for her linocut print "Wild Daises" at the 2011 Mississippi Community/Junior College Art Instructors' Association State Art Competition held at Northeast Mississippi Community College in Booneville. Bobo also won honorable mention for her photo "D.C. Geese" at the Goodwill Art Show held in Jackson. The photo was taken during a visit to Washington, D.C. The Goodwill Art Show is sponsored by Goodwill, Greater Jackson Arts Council and Very Special Arts, the international organization on arts and disability.



'Choose the Positive; Be Joyful'

ECCC Commencement Speaker Advises Fellow Graduates

"Always choose the positive and be joyful," was the message of Anna Alexander of Little Rock, as she addressed fellow graduates at East Central Community College's 82nd Commencement held Saturday, May 14, 2011, at the Neshoba County Coliseum in Philadelphia.

Alexander, a President's List scholar whose honors also include selection to the prestigious ECCC Hall of Fame, told classmates that no matter their destination after today, "a positive, joyful attitude will get you there faster and take you so much farther in life."

A home-schooled student, Alexander reiterated her point by quoting the apostle Paul in Philippians 4:4: "Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say rejoice."

"Paul did not say rejoice after you've crammed, after that test is over, or after you've received your college degree. He didn't say rejoice when everything is going your way. He said 'always,' she stated. "That means through our toughest, most challenging moments...we should be joyful in every situation."

Alexander admitted it's a challenge to have a positive mindset when bad things happen, as with the recent tornadoes that struck Mississippi and other states.

"Even amidst the unprecedented storm damage and seemingly impossible situation of numerous lives and property lost, people are making the hard choice to plow on in hope and to rebuild their own lives and each other's," she said. "I believe that these are the situations that present us with the perfect opportunity for us to think, act and dwell on all the great memories and people in our lives. These are the moments that test our character and force us to choose the positive."

Alexander, who plans to continue her education at Mississippi State University in Starkville, said walking across the stage "does not guarantee our happiness, success, or self-worth in life. It is a wonderful milestone and achievement that is to be commended... but it will not determine our attitudes."

"It's your choice whether or not to see how ridiculously blessed you are and how absolutely thankful we all should be for the opportunity to go to college, to pursue an education, to have personal teachers and administration that care for each of us individually, to have made lifelong friends, and to have made it all the way to this very point today...these are a just reasons that we should be exceedingly joyful," Alexander said.

Alexander said being "joyful" can often be "contagious," as she has learned.

"I experienced contagious joy thanks to all my friends at East Central," she said. Our joy sometimes came in the form of yelling, screaming, laughing, talking, singing and dancing, so needless to say, it often got pretty loud wherever we were!"

She added, "My friends and I found joy from seeing the good in things no matter how silly they might have seemed to others.



Anna Alexander

It came out of not taking ourselves too seriously and seeing the bigger picture in life. The bigger picture is that real joy will not be found in this worldly place, but in eternity with our Savior Jesus Christ."

Alexander also recalled fond memories of her time at EC during her remarks.

"Spring Spree week, the day it snowed and school got cancelled, the nights spent just riding around Decatur or the mornings spent driving to Decatur and then trying to find a parking spot anywhere...the random Wal-Mart trips,

late-night ping-pong matches in the BSU, supporting our fellow Warriors at Thursday night football games, or being a part of the best softball team in the state! All the things you did and the friends who were right there next to you, that's what you will remember."

She also congratulated her fellow graduates on completing the work required to earn a diploma.

"You put in the effort and time, even it was 3 in the morning. You have sacrificed much sleep, and you have gone without a meal or several just to keep up," she stated. "You've enjoyed 'Chicken Man' Wednesday and 'Chicken Day' Thursday. You have stressed over bad grades and smiled over good grades. You've probably cried but hopefully you laughed a lot more. Your immune system has taken a downfall thanks to the worries that college brought. You may have learned to love coffee, and your best friend at times was anything containing caffeine. There were sunny days and rainy days, holidays and horrible days. But here we are! We made it through all those things, good and bad, and what better time to look back and appreciate even those moments that we thought were the worst!"

In closing, Alexander encouraged graduates to "rejoice in hope" and "cling to what is good."

"Of course it may not come easy, or it may not come at all... but it's worth trying to make the best of things, being positive and having a joyful spirit. Keep striving for excellence, keep aiming for your dreams and goals, keep following the path to success, keep a joyful attitude, and keep up the good work. Once again, I congratulate you, more importantly, I say rejoice!"

Also participating in the commencement program were graduates Matt Griffin of Union, who gave the invocation; and Kiswana Burnside of Lake, benediction.

Special music was provided by Tyler Comans of Walnut Grove, Laura Gunn of Forest, Jessy Harrison of Little Rock, Courtney Lanier and Monica Vincent, both of Decatur; and Chad Mangum of Aberdeen.

ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin presented diplomas to approximately 450 graduates.



'Ms. Molly' Honored

Mrs. Molly McGee (center) of Hickory was honored for her 35 years of service on the cafeteria staff at East Central Community College during a ceremony held Tuesday, March 1, 2011, on the Decatur campus. The Gold Room, also known as the Faculty Dining Room, in Mabry Memorial Cafeteria was officially named in her honor during the special program. McGee, affectionately known as "Ms. Molly," currently serves as office manager and "official greeter" at the cafeteria entrance. The ECCC Board of Trustees approved the renaming of the room at the December 2010 meeting. George M. Ardelean (left), executive vice president for dining and health services at Valley Services, Inc., in Jackson, which operates the College's food service, is shown presenting a commemorative clock to the longtime cafeteria staff member and provided comments about her dedicated service. At right is ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin who also participated in the program. Mrs. McGee said she is "most appreciative" of the recognition and looks forward to continuing her service at the College. Various improvements are planned for the "Molly McGee Gold Room" in the near future. A fundraising drive is under way to assist in the project. For more information, contact Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for foundation and alumni relations, 601-635-6327 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 327. Her e-mail address is sholling@eccc.edu.



EC Students Win SkillsUSA Honors

These career-technical students at East Central Community College in Decatur received various honors at the Mississippi SkillsUSA Championships held at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in Perkinston. Award-winners include (first row, from left) Breshawn McNeal of Newton, second, Architectural Drafting; Lachelle Moss of Little Rock, third, Preschool Teaching Assistant; Sydney Mosley of Shubuta, first, Commercial Baking; Nancy Coats of Philadelphia, first, Culinary Arts; Mason Shelley of Forest, second, Residential Wiring; and Sydney Tucker of Union, third, CNC Turning Technology; (second row, from left) Adrianna Salgado of Union, Related Technical Math contestant; Jake Cain of Chunky, second, Opening and Closing Team; Ashley Channell of Ackerman, second, Opening and Closing Team; Sheila Wright of Conehatta, second, Occupational Health and Safety; Leslie Crawford of Newton, second, Prepared Speech; Brandon Caldwell of Carthage, second, Industrial Motor Control; Shaun Palmer of Louisville, second, Precision Machining; (third row, from left) Jonathan Breedlove of Philadelphia, second, CNC Milling Technology; Lisa Hoskins of Philadelphia, second, Open and Closing Team; Meissa Thomas of Meridian, second, Opening and Closing Team; Sharon O'Neal of DeKalb, second, Open and Closing Team; Coeshia Meeks of Forest, Job Interview contestant; Chavon Denham of Forest, Cosmetology contestant; and A'Breon Moore of Bailey, third, Job Skill Demonstration B; and (fourth row, from left) Trent Hitt of Philadelphia, third, Collision Repair Technology; Lauren Breedlove of Philadelphia, first, Promotional Bulletin Board; Ashley Dearman of Enterprise, first, Promotional Bulletin Board; Stacey Boyd of Philadelphia, third, Job Skill Demonstration A; and Tyler Wright of Louisville, first, Technical Drafting. First-place winners qualify for the National Leadership and Skills Conference scheduled June 19-24 in Kansas City, MO.





'All Shook Up' at ECCC

Matthew Dempsey of Louisville as "Chad," a hip-swiveling, guitar-playing roustabout, tries to wake up the citizens of this sleepy, 1950s mid-western town as he sings "Come On Everybody" during the East Central Community College production of the Joe Dipietro musical "All Shook Up," inspired by and featuring the songs of Elvis Presley. The show was presented March 31-April 2 in the Vickers Fine Arts Auditorium on the Decatur campus.



Receive Student Journalism Awards

Members of East Central Community College's newspaper staff display various awards presented at the O.C. McDavid Journalism Conference held March 24, 2011, at historic Duling Hall in Jackson. Pictured are: (front row, from left) Raychal Reed of Louisville; Ashley Moore, Meghan McIntosh and Christina Nollie, all of Carthage; Jennifer Moore-Pope of Forest; and Stephanie Lunsford of Collinsville; and (back row, from left) Gennie Phillips, adviser; Tyler Yates of Decatur; and Colby Harvey of Newton. In the Better Newspaper Competition, members of The Tom-Tom staff earned the following awards: First place, Best General Interest Column; First place, Best Front Page; second place, Best Feature Story; second place, Best General News Photograph; second place, Best Miscellaneous Advertisement; third place, Best Sports Feature Story Category; and third place, Best Layout & Design, Best Editorials and Best Single Advertisement.College.

ECCC Aids Tornado Victims



East Central Community College President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin (right) is shown presenting cash and a Wal-Mart gift card totaling \$650 to freshman Steven Miller of Weir, whose home was destroyed by the recent tornado.



East Central Community College President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin (left) is shown presenting cash and a Wal-Mart gift card totaling \$650 to freshman Kelsi Watson of Smithville, whose home was destroyed by the recent tornado. Watson is a member of the state champion Lady Warrior softball team. Also pictured are assistant softball coach Kristin Chaney and head coach Scott Hill. The contribution is a result of a fund drive held on the Decatur campus.



State Champion Lady Diamond Warriors Tie for Fifth in Nationals

(Marty Stamper of the Newton County Appeal contributed to this report.)

The state champion East Central Community College softball squad completed a successful second-straight appearance in the NJCAA Division II Softball National Championship, finishing tied for fifth in the annual event held in Normal, Illinois.

The Lady Diamond Warriors went 3-2 in the 16-team field, falling to the No. 2. and No. 3 teams in the prestigious event held May 19-21 and won by top-ranked LSU-Eunice. The Lady Bengals clipped East Central for the Region 23 title and advanced to the national competition as the top seed. The top two teams in Region 23 qualify for the three-day, double-elimination event. East Central entered competition as the No. 7 seed.

It was the second-straight appearance in the national tournament for the Lady Warriors, who finished 37-15 under head coach Scott Hill and assistant Kristin Chaney. EC tied with Pasco-Hernando of New Port Richey, Fla.

East Central finished fourth in the 2010 event en route to a 47-11-1 record. The Lady Diamond Warriors won the Region 23 Tournament and finished state runners-up.

As was the case last year, this year's version of East Central Community College softball was again represented by a special group of young women.

"We feel like we had a good tournament," said Coach Hill. "We certainly got beat by quality opponents. I don't think we have anything to be too terribly

disappointed with. We played some mighty good teams there.

"To get a 1-0 win over Kirkwood says a lot about the resiliency of our young ladies, especially our pitching, Taylor (Bailey) did a heck-of-a-job for us to shut out a real good team like that."

Bailey (32-10) was chosen on the All-Tournament Team after throwing every pitch — some 464 in the five games — for the Lady Warriors. She threw 311 pitches in the three games played Friday, May 20, including 137 in the 12-11 win over Sauk Valley of Illinois to start the day.

"Even the games we lost, she definitely gave us a chance to win those," Hill said. "We just couldn't quite get the offense going like we wanted to."

EC 12
Mercyhurst NE (Pa.) 0

A 10-run second inning carried EC to an easy 4 1/2-inning run-rule win over the Saints in the Lady Warriors' tournament opener on Thursday.

EC took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning as Summer Alexander's sacrifice fly scored Abbie Joiner, who had led off with a walk and moved up on a single by Lauren Nicholas.

In the big second inning, Chelsea Jones had an RBI-single to start the scoring and



Scott Hill

a two-run single to end the frame. In between, Nicholas had an RBI-double, Alexander had a two-run single to center field, and Brittany Pounders ripped a two-run triple to right field.

That was way more than enough runs for Taylor Bailey as she threw just 58 pitches — 47 of which were strikes. Bailey struck out six and allowed four hits — all singles — and no walks in upping her record to 30-8.

In the fourth, Kelsi Watson singled and scored on a two-out single by Nicholas to extend the lead to 12-0.

EC, 35-13, finished with 13 hits. Nicholas had two singles and a double in driving in two runs. Joiner, Alexander, Watson, and Jones each had two singles with Alexander having three RBI and Jones getting two.

Bailey Patt took the loss for Mercyhurst North East, 27-17, allowing 11 runs on seven hits and one walk in 1 1/3 innings.

Kankakee (Ill.) 1
EC 0

Second-seeded Kankakee made a first-inning run stand up in Thursday's second game, dropping EC into the losers' bracket.

Kelsey Gass led off the top of the first with a single to right field, stole second, and

scored on a two-out single to right by Danielle Burge.

Meanwhile, Kankakee's Jenna Slifer had a perfect game through three innings before EC's Lauren Nicholas lined a one-out single to left field in the bottom of the fourth. Kasie Buckley reached on an error on a ground ball with Nicholas going to third. Slifer got Summer Alexander and Taylor Bailey on ground balls to get out of the inning unscathed.

In the fifth, Kelsi Watson singled to center field and Abbie Joiner was hit by a pitch, but Nicholas flew out to end that threat.

In their final at-bat, the Lady Warriors got a leadoff infield single from Haylee Roberts. After Watson sacrificed courtesy runner Haelie Allen to second, Lauren Huber struck out Chelsea Jones and Joiner to end the game.

EC, 35-14, had only three hits with Nicholas, Roberts, and Watson each getting a single.

Bailey (30-9) took the loss, allowing eight hits. She struck out five with no walks.

Slifer got the win, allowing all three hits in six innings. She struck out three and walked one.

Huber fanned two in her inning of relief for Kankakee, 47-9.



Region 23 Runners-Up



Taylor Bailey
NJCAA All-American

Taylor Bailey (31-9) threw 137 pitches — 100 of which were strikes — to get the win. She struck out four, walked two, and allowed 15 hits.

Sophia Aponte had two doubles and a single to drive in five runs for the Skyhawks, 35-12. Kerrie Tenboer had three singles. Hannah Schmidt had a single and a triple.

Jacie Young took the loss. She gave up eight hits, but issued a dozen walks to go with eight strikeouts.

EC 1
Kirkwood (Iowa) 0

Taylor Bailey threw a four-hit shutout as EC knocked off the third-seeded Eagles Friday afternoon.

EC got the game's only run in the top of the fifth as Lauren Nicholas hit a two-out single to center field, moved up to second on an infield hit by Kasie Buckley, and scored on a single to center field by Summer Alexander.

Bailey (32-9) struck out one and walked one.

EC, 37-14, had seven hits with Nicholas, Buckley, and Alexander each getting two singles.

Shelby Dougherty took the loss for Kirkwood, 54-11. She struck out seven and allowed one walk and seven hits.

Nicole Fisher had a single and a double for the Eagles.

Owens (Ohio) 2
EC 0

Owens scored single runs in the third and seventh frames to eliminate EC in Friday's third game.

Elizabeth Weber and Jordan Ratliff combined to toss a two-hit shutout for the Express with both allowing one hit.

Owens scored in the top of the third when Kristen Roznos-

ki singled, stole second, and scored on a two-out throwing error.

Michelle Hollister added an insurance run for the Express in the seventh with a solo homer to left field.

EC, 37-15, had just two hits — both singles — in the season-ending loss. Lauren Nicholas and Kasie Buckley accounted for the two hits.

Taylor Bailey (32-10) took the loss. She allowed nine hits and struck out five with no walks.

Roznoski and Matea Rice both had three singles for Owens, 42-4.

Owens reached the championship game where it lost 10-0 to LSU-Eunice.

LSU-Eunice defeated EC earlier for the Region 23 championship, sweeping the Lady Warriors in the finals after EC had beaten the Lady Bengals in their first meeting.

"One of the things that we can say is that we did have a win over the national champions," said EC coach Scott Hill. "That's something to be proud of as well."

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

The East Central Community College Lady Diamond Warriors defeated top-seeded Mississippi Gulf Coast 7-6 in extra innings Friday, April 29, in the finals of the MACJC State Softball Tournament held on the Perkinson campus.

East Central, the South No. 2 seed, scored the go-ahead and eventual game-winning run in the top of the eighth inning when Haelie Allen of Leake Academy crossed home plate following an infield grounder by Chelsea Jones of Enterprise. Gulf Coast responded in the bottom of the frame with a runner at third but the scoring threat was nixed when centerfield Summer Alexander of Newton County hauled in a fly ball for the third

out and the celebration began for the Lady Diamond Warriors, who improved to 32-11 under Hill and assistant Kristin Chaney. Gulf Coast dropped to 34-11.

ECCC 4, PEARL RIVER

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East Central took a 1-0 lead in the first inning following Pounders' sacrifice fly, scoring Joiner from third.

The lead was extended to 2-0 in the fourth inning, when Bailey scored after earlier reaching base on a fielder's choice.

Pearl River tied the contest in the sixth inning following a two-run homer by Alyssa Graeter.

The contest remained tied after seven innings and went into extra innings.

The Lady Wildcats grabbed a 3-2 lead in the top of the eighth, but EC rallied to tie the contest at the bottom of the frame when Joiner scored following a single by Alexander.

The score remained deadlocked until the bottom of the tenth, when Joiner's single to left field brought home Watson for the winning run. Watson was the designated runner at second base and advance to third following a sacrifice by Jones.

ECCC 4, NORTHWEST 0

East Central began tournament action with a 4-0 shutout over Northwest.

The Lady Diamond Warriors scored all the runs they would need in the first inning, when Joiner scored following an infield grounder by Alexander who also reached base on the play.

EC added two runs in the second, as Bailey scored on an error and Watson tallied following a single by Nicholas.

Alexander scored the final run in the third inning following a single by Roberts.



East Central Graduations: Then and Now

by Ovid Vickers

In September of 1928, East Central Community College welcomed its first class. Twenty students presented themselves for admission. In May of 1930, those twenty students received their diplomas in the auditorium of the Newton County Agricultural High School. College classes, during those first two years, were taught in the basement of a high school dormitory, later known as Neshoba County Hall.

These 1930 graduates did not wear caps and gowns. They marched across the stage in their Sunday best and were presented diplomas by Mr. R. C. Pugh, the college president. Mrs. Stella Newsome and Mr. Robert Marshall, the college's first two teachers looked on. These teachers could not have known they were witnessing a ceremony which has now spanned more than 80 years.

By the time Dr. L. O. Todd became president in 1934, enrollment at the college had grown to the point that graduation had to be moved to the gymnasium which had been recently built. Graduations were held in this gymnasium until Huff Auditorium was constructed in 1952. Huff Auditorium seats more than a thousand and contains a large stage conducive to a more formal ceremony.

Throughout the presidency of Walter Arno Vincent, the college's third president and a graduate of East Central, graduations continued to be held in Huff. During the Vincent years, the faculty did not march at graduation. The sophomore class elected two sponsors from the faculty, and these sponsors (attired in cap and gown) marched in the graduation procession with the graduates.

It has always been traditional for graduates to enter to the music of Edward Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance" or "March of the Priests" from Giuseppe Verdi's opera "Aida." This music was originally played on a piano by a member of the music department. Later, when Huff Auditorium was opened, the new organ was used. However, in recent years, with advancements in technology, the music has been recorded.

For many years, prominent Mississippians were invited to speak at East Central graduations. When Senator John C. Stennis spoke, he was, at that time, Chairman of the Armed Services Committee and the Vietnam War was in progress. When Senator Stennis arrived on campus, he was accompanied by six members of the Secret Service. Four members of the Senator's entourage stood at the four doors of the auditorium, while the other two stood behind the stage curtains, near the Senator, while he addressed the graduates.

Other speakers included Chancellor Williams, from the University of Mississippi and Mississippi author Thomas Hal Phillips. During the Vincent administration Dr. Thomas Daniel Young, an East Central graduate and Chairman of the English Department at Vanderbilt University, was invited to give the graduation address.

From 1962 until 1985, during the administrations of Dr. Douglas Montgomery and Dr. Charles Wright, East Central's fourth and fifth presidents, graduations continued to take place in Huff auditorium, even though the number of family and friends was

limited because graduation classes had become so large that all the seats were occupied and all standing room filled.

During the administration of Dr. Eddie M. Smith, which began in 1985, graduation ceremonies were moved to the football field. Dr. Smith was an East Central graduate who returned to the college after serving as Dean of Instruction at Copiah Lincoln Junior College.

During the Smith administration the entire faculty, attired in academic cap and gown preceded the graduates in a procession from the nearby Brackeen-Wood gymnasium to the graduation platform at mid-field.

The faculty marched, as it does today, in order of years of service to the college. The most senior member began carrying the college mace which was designed and created by Larry Blackburn and Richard Clark, two East Central graduates and now retired faculty members.

The mace symbolizes the office of the president originating in the Middle Ages as a hand weapon used by those who guarded officials, the mace is now a ceremonial symbol used in academic processions.

The four sides of the mace have engraved on them the name of the college, the five supporting counties (Newton, Neshoba, Winston, Scott and Leake), the curricula offered by the college, and the activities available to the students.

The presidential medallion worn by Dr. Phil Sutphin at the 2011 graduation symbolizes the office of the president. This medallion was first worn by Dr. Eddie M. Smith on the occasion of his inauguration in 1986. Suspended on a red white, and blue ribbon of satin, the medallion is engraved with the college motto "With You in Mind." The names of the seven men who have served East Central as president are engraved on the reverse side.

The black or blue gown worn by the faculty originated in European universities. Bachelor's gowns have long pointed sleeves; Master's have full-length square sleeves; and candidates for doctorates wear fully round sleeves with three velvet bars on each sleeve.

It is interesting to note that the Master's sleeve extends well below the opening for the hand, forming a long tube. In early universities, there were no buildings, and teachers moved from place to place lecturing. Teachers have, throughout history, lived rather simple lives. The sleeves were designed so that these early lecturers could place a loaf of French bread in one sleeve and a bottle of wine in the other, and be ready to travel wherever they were in demand.

The hood has a velvet panel at the edge which indicates, by color, the wearer's major field of study. The lining of the hood indicates, by color, the college or university from which the individual graduated.

The cap, the square mortarboard, is worn for all ranks and degrees. Switching the tassel from right to left is customary when a degree is awarded. Community college graduates wear a mortar-

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board but do not wear a hood.

When Dr. Eddie M. Smith retired in 2000, Dr. Phil Sutphin became the seventh president of East Central. During the Sutphin years, the enrollment has continued to increase, and it became necessary to move graduation ceremonies to the Neshoba County Coliseum in Philadelphia. This facility is well lighted and air-conditioned. In the event of rain, graduation can proceed as planned,

If enrollment continues to grow, and all indications are that it will, the college might have to consider holding two graduations on the same day. All members of the first graduating class are no longer living, but they are to be remembered as pioneers who first attended class in two rooms of a men's dormitory on a campus which now consists of 26 major buildings and offers a wide variety of courses both on campus and at various locations throughout the five supporting counties. During the history of the college, graduation has undergone many changes and no doubt will continue to do so in the future.

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EC Student-Athletes Receive NJCAA Honors



These student-athletes who recently graduated from East Central Community College in Decatur are recipients of various honors from the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA). Honorees and their respective sports area include (seated from left) Anna Alexander (tennis) of Little Rock, NJCAA Pinnacle Award for Academic Excellence (4.0 GPA); Monica Vincent (soccer) of Decatur, Kasie Buckley (softball) and Summer Alexander (softball), both of Little Rock, Lauren Nicholas (softball), Sarah Breland (softball) and Abbie Joiner (softball), all of Philadelphia, NJCAA Award for Superior Academic Achievement (3.8 - 3.99); and (standing from left) Jessica Harrison (soccer) of Little Rock, Walt Stinson (tennis) of Philadelphia and Chelsea Jones (softball) of Enterprise, also recipients of NJCAA Award for Superior Academic Achievement; and Brooke Boulton (soccer) of Newton, Joel McKee (baseball) of Philadelphia, Kathryn White (soccer) of Meridian, Joey Walker (soccer) of Hickory, Bobby Bryan (baseball) of Crossett, Ark. and Vincent Kortbawi (baseball) of Moundville, Ala., recipients of the NJCAA Award for Exemplary Academic Achievement (3.6 - 3.79). Not pictured are Tyler Brant (baseball) of Southaven, NJCAA Award for Superior Academic Achievement; and Polly Vaughn (soccer) of Decatur, NJCAA Award for Exemplary Academic Achievement. The outstanding student-athletes were recognized for their academic success at the College's 82nd Commencement held May 14, 2011, at the Neshoba County Coliseum in Philadelphia.



Alumni Weddings

Haley Marie Barrett to James Steven Quick
Heidi Dawn Barrier to Rodney Scott Lowery
Aimee Claire Baugh to Brenton Christopher Woods
Monica Shea Boyd to Joshua Ryan Chaney
Jonee Danielle Brantley to Johnny Trent Cumberland
Jennifer Rane Bullard to Justin Keith Gilbert
Ashley Nicole Burns to Christopher Ryan McMillan
Heather Celeste Burt to Joshua David Jordan
Suzanne Chaney to Justin Gressett
Megan Leann Charlton to Richard Pace Steed
Shaneaka Cistrunk to Jonny Graham
Krystal Maria Coleman to David Kyle Holley
Rebecca Leigh Coward to Andrew Lawrence Latham
Traci Lynette Crabtree to Nicholas Kyle Alexander
Aleshia Renee Crimm to Caleb Nathanael Cochran,
Stacey Jack Dial to Daniel Joseph Burney
Karla Irene Durham to Joshua O'Neil Dickerson
Kimberly Ellzey to Nicholas Ryan Smith
Kelli Rae Evans to John Lucas Poole
Sarah Lin Farlow to Daniel Lee Cain
Julie Frances Gaines to Bradford Steven Joiner
Tasha Hodge to David Black
Julie Carole Holley to Joshua Lee Coleman
Rebecca Horne to Brent Smith
Sarah Nichole James to William Cody Pearson
Jessica Ann Keith to Austin Mims Bailey
Aubrey Michelle Massey to Bruce Lee Manning
Tomekia McCallum to Deric Horne
Sharli Amanda Moulds to Joel Christopher Daigle
Jamie Cherea Netherland to Quinton Ray Ellis
Kimberly Ellzey Ouber to Nicholas Ryan Smith
Delisha Lacole Payton to Jeremy Dewayne Townsend
Rebecca Paige Posey to Dr. William Higdon King
Courtney Danielle Price to Lee Andrew Fairchilds
Tiffany Regan Quick to Ronald Rich Miller, Jr.
April Nicole Robinson to Timothy Jerome Jennings
Megan Danielle Sims to Joshua Nathan Sheehan
Sable O'Hare Smith to Thomas Otha Kennedy
Jhaun Monique Sparnecht to Joshua Parks Sansing
Tiffany Mechelle Spence to James Zackary Wright
Mandy Suzanne Stewart to Charles Alan Brown
Yulon Chere Stewart to Schuyler Paul Huff



Linda Leanne Thornton of Mobile, Ala., and Nathan Warner Stamper (Class of 2003) of Decatur were married Saturday, January 15, 2011, at the Chapel of Memories on the campus of Mississippi State University in Starkville.

Carrie Renee Stokes to Benjamin Tyler Wallace
Juley Elizabeth Taylor to Shannon Herbert Steed
Adriana Lyn Thaggard to Charles Andrew Jenkins
Rachel Farron Thompson to Michael Drew Robinson
Linda Leanne Thornton to Nathan Warner Stamper
Lisa Maria Tubby to Colt Makai Collins
Tammy Vaughn to Seth Therrien
Katie Brooke Warren to Joseph Lake Fitzhugh
Lacey Nicole Wilson to Michael Blake Watkins



Alumni News Briefs

Billy Mayes of Forest, a 29-year veteran of the Mississippi Highway Patrol and former commander of Troop H in the Meridian District, was recently promoted to chief investigator of the Central Region of the MHP and the Mississippi Department of Public Service. He has increased in rank to Major and now covers a service area of 29 counties.

Marcus Ellis, coordinator for the Eighth Judicial District Drug Court, was the feature of a recent newspaper article that highlighted an anti-drunk driving program, which he coordinates. The program uses a golf cart and specialized goggles and orange traffic cones to teach young people about the dangers of drinking and driving.

Kortney Clemons, an Army veteran who was injured in Baghdad in 2005, was featured in the Clarion-Ledger for being a U.S. Paralympic Champion. He completes as a sprinter in meets around the world and has won national championships in both the 100- and 200-meter distances. His goal is to represent the U.S. in the 2012 Paralympic Games in London.

Cindy Robinson-Myrick is currently residing in Bradenton, FL, where she serves as Career Connection Center Coordinator for the Pinellas County Urban League in St. Petersburg.

Larry Gressett, technology coordinator for the Newton Municipal School District, was recently elected to serve as

chairperson for the Technology Coordinators of the Alliance of Educational Leaders of Mississippi for the 2010-11 school year.

During the 77th annual meeting of the Maine Merchants, the Board of Directors unanimously decided to rename the association's annual government service award the **Jim McGregor** Government Service Award in honor of the longtime chief lobbyist. He has served 17 years in the association.

Jason (Class of 1992) and Marley (Class of 1994) Gentry of Philadelphia were recently featured in Neshoba magazine. Jason is assistant principal at Philadelphia Elementary School and Marley is a stay-at-home mother. The Gentrys have six children: Kaelin, 14; Kinsey, 13; Griffin, 9; Kamryn, 4; Gavin, 3; and Gibson, 1.

Melissa Thrash Carleton recently joined the East Central Community College Foundation Board. Carleton serves as deputy attorney general for the Mississippi band of Choctaw Indians.

Bobby Moody of Louisville was elected to the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation Board of Directors, representing District 8. He will serve a two year term providing direction for the organization that is the largest general farm organization in the state.

Billy Frank Alford of Forest has announced his retirement at Scott County Chancery



Alumnus Holds Book Signing

Cartoonist and author Andy Childress of Louisville signs a copy of one his eight self-published books for Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director of foundation and alumni relations at East Central Community College, during a book signing held recently on the Decatur campus. Childress' work includes collections of his multiple comic strip titles from his "BUBBAWORLD COMIX site," in addition to humorous spins on Halloween and work he described as "Horror Graphic Novel Anthologies." Childress attended ECCC from 1987-89. ECCC Alumnus Shane Sullivan, also of Louisville, was a contributing author for the publications. Childress' work can be view on his Web site, <http://bubbaworldcomix.com>.

Clerk, following a combined 17 years in elected office. He officially announced in December that he would not seek a fourth term during the 2011 elections. He previously served as an alderman for the City of Forest.

Jordan Vance (Class of 2011) was featured in the Newton County Appeal as the guitarist for the Collegians.

James "Jim" Crenshaw, an EC alumnus living in Brandon, MS, recently completed his first novel titled *The Real*. The book is written under the pen name of James Cole. Crenshaw is originally from

Newton County.

Lori Rogers Wilcher (Class of 1993), a counselor for the elementary and the middle school students in the Union School System, has received the 2010 Janie G. Rugg Scholarship from the Mississippi Counseling Association. She actively serves MCA as President of the Mississippi School Counselors Association.

Ralph (Class of 1942) and Mildred Gardner of Union, MS celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on December

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Wood Provides Golf Balls to EC Team

Jim Wood (left) of Louisville recently made his annual contribution to the East Central Community College golf team and is shown presenting some of the 25 dozen practice golf balls he collected to Chris Clark, ECCC golf coach. Wood, who also made a monetary contribution to team, is a member of the ECCC Class of 1949 and was inducted into the College's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1995. His sister is longtime ECCC faculty member and former coach Lucille Wood, who in 1986 became the second member of the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame.

6, 2010. They were married on December 6, 1945 in Decatur, MS by the Rev. Wilson A. Hoghan.

Melvin (Class of 1961) and Betty Tingle (Class of 1961) of Decatur celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming, and other interesting places in the West. The Tingles were married by Rev. Curtis Miller on September 18, 1960, at Clarke Venable Baptist Church in Decatur, MS.

Angie Burks (Class of 1984) recently began her new duties as Director of the Area Health Education Center in Decatur, MS.

Adjutant General William L. Freeman, Jr. (Class of 1964) received the Alumni

Service Award from The University of Mississippi Alumni Association for service to the university and the Alumni Association. Freeman was appointed adjutant general by Gov. Haley R. Barbour in 2008. With almost 40 years in the banking industry, Freeman retired in 2008 as senior vice president and COO of Newton County Bank. He was mayor of Newton for more than seven years and an alderman for three years. Adjutant General Freeman was honored at Vaught-Hemingway Stadium before the Ole Miss Homecoming game kick-off on November 6, 2010.

Patty Shelton McInnis (Class of 1950) of Waynesboro, MS continues to enjoy her family—four daughters and five grandchildren (all grown). She also enjoys

helping at Wayne Academy although she is now retired. Last, but not least, she notes her sweet memories of East Central that God continues to bless.

August 2010 Practical Nursing graduate, **Ashley Strebeck** from Hickory was named Employee of the Month in January 2011 at MS Care Center in Morton.

Dr. L. B. Adkins (Class of 1947) of Union, MS was named Citizen of the Year for 2011 by the Union Chamber of Commerce.

Larry Loper (Class of 1969) of Newton, MS retired after 40 years with Mississippi Power.

Shea Hailey, DO, FACC (Class of 1988) of Meridian, MS has joined the staff of the Internal Medicine Clinic in Meridian as a cardiologist beginning March 7, 2011. Dr. Hailey received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine from the University of Health Sciences, College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kansas City and did his internship and residency in Internal Medicine at Baptist Health Systems in Birmingham. Dr. Hailey has previously practiced at Rush Foundation Hospital and will retain privileges at both Rush and Anderson Regional Medical Center.

Patricia A. Graham (Class of 1970) of Decatur, MS retired from Great Southern National Bank. Mrs. Graham has served the banking industry for over 33 years. She moved from Louisville to Decatur in 1979 when she transferred with Peoples Bank

of MS NA. She then began her financial career with Great Southern National Bank in 1987. She has served as Vice President of Great Southern National Bank Decatur for the last eight years. Patty is married to Stanley Graham, and they have three children: Barry Graham, Leigh Ann Graham, and Emily Smith. She also has five grandchildren. She enjoys cooking, reading, gardening, and spending time with her family. After retirement, she plans to relocate to Tennessee to be near her family.

Susan Cosgrove (Class of 1974) of Philadelphia, MS was awarded the 2010 Outstanding Mississippi State University Extension Service Worker Award at the MSUES Annual Conference. She was presented the award by Bart Harris, loan officer of the Mississippi Land Bank in Starkville. Cosgrove is the Newton County Extension Director and Family Resource Management Area Extension Agent. She serves 10 east Mississippi counties.

Van Chancellor (Class of 1963) recently stepped down as head coach of the Louisiana State University Lady Tigers basketball team. He now serves as special assistant to athletic director Joe Alleva.

Justin Fisher (Class of 1993) has joined the faculty at Jefferson State Community College in Birmingham, Alabama, as an instructor of economics.

Dr. James (Jimmy) Hollingsworth of Newton was the guest of State Senator Terry Burton as part of the Mississippi Dental Association

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sponsored Oral Health Day. Hollingsworth serves as vice president of the ECCC Board of Trustees.

Randy Houser was nominated for the fan-voted "Top New Solo Vocalist" Award at the 46th annual Country Music Awards. He recently released his sophomore album "They Call Me Cadillac," which includes his latest hit, "In God's Time."

Thomas Billups, boys' basketball coach at Lanier High School, was recently named Coach of the Year on the Clarion Ledger's All-Metro Team, which recognizes the best of the best in Hinds, Madison and Rankin counties. It's the sixth time he has received the honor.

Laura Walker was recently named Teacher of the Year for 2011 for Hawkins Middle School in Forest.

Jeff Breland was recently named head football coach at Lake High School after leading the Newton County High School team for the past 12 years.

Dr. Craig (Class of 1991) and Amy Martin (Class of 1991) of Philadelphia were recently featured in Neshoba magazine. Craig operates his own dental clinic in Philadelphia and Amy, a registered nurse, is a stay-at-home mother. They have three children: Meg, Will and Seth.

Granville Freeman of Forest was selected "Best Insurance Agent" in recent balloting by The Scott County Times newspaper.

Former East Central Community College basket-

ball standout **Mystee Dale** was named the 2010-11 Women's Basketball East Division Player of the Year by the Gulf South Conference in addition to her selection on the All-GSC Women's Basketball Team. The 5-8 guard leads the Gulf South Conference in scoring with 21.2 points per game, second in the nation. She also tops the conference in free throw percentage by connecting on 86.9 percent of her attempts from the charity stripe. She also ranks in the top 10 of seven other categories. Dale has been honored six times as the Gulf South Conference Player of the Week, more than any other player this season.

Bart Gregory (Class of 1997) was named color commentator for men's basketball games at Mississippi State University. Gregory, 34, has left his post as the play-by-play announcer for Lady Bulldog basketball to join Jim Ellis, who became the play-by-play announcer for MSU's major sports after the retirement of legendary broadcaster Jack Cristil. Gregory is also expected to join Ellis in the baseball booth next spring.

Justin Chaney (Class of 1999) led his Newton County High School fast-pitch softball team to the school's sixth state championship en route to a 34-2 record. The Lady Cougars, who compete in 4A, also finished atop The Clarion-Ledger's MHSAA rankings. Nationally, the Newton County is ranked 10th by MaxPreps.



Mystee Dale



Alumni Officials Plan Busy Year

Making plans for the annual Warrior Golf Classic, scholarship awards luncheon, homecoming and other activities are the above East Central Community College Alumni Association officials who held their spring semester meeting recently on the Decatur campus. The Warrior Golf Classic, which provides funding for student scholarships, will be held Thursday, June 30 at the Dancing Rabbit Golf Club in Choctaw. The annual AT&T Scholarship Awards Luncheon is scheduled Thursday, June 16, on campus. Homecoming activities are set for Saturday, Oct. 8. Alumni officials include (seated from left) Dr. Bob Tom Johnson of Forest, immediate past president; Bob Posey of Philadelphia, vice president; Jerald Everett of Clinton, president; Lois Cooper of Decatur, secretary; and Jeanette Thrash of Decatur, recently selected Newton County representative; (middle row, from left) Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, executive director for foundation and alumni relations; Amanda Walton, career-technical counselor; Flo Henley of Starkville, out-of-district representative; Martha Blanton of Carthage, Leake County representative; Dr. Lavinia Sparkman, vice president for instruction and Dow Thomas of Louisville, Winston County representative; and (back row, from left) Bill Freeman of Forest, Scott County representative; Paul Chamblee of Carthage, Leake County representative; Harvey Trapp of Newton, past president; Matt Alford of Forest, Scott County representative; and Dr. Phil A. Sutphin, ECCC president. For more information on alumni activities, contact Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, 601-635-6327 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext 327. Her e-mail address is sholli@eccc.edu.

Luther Riley (Class of 1992) was named men's head basketball coach at Alcorn State University. Riley served the previous 12



Luther Riley

years as boys' head basketball coach at Provine High School, amassing a 286-70 record, which includes four state titles and the MHSAAA State Grand Championship in 2008. Riley

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received Coach of the Year honors from The Clarion-Ledger following the 2007-08 campaign. A Walnut Grove native, Riley's coaching career includes stints as an assistant coach at ECCC and volunteer assistant at Mississippi Valley State University.

Former Diamond Warrior **Allen Johnson (Class of 2010)** was named Southern States Athletic Conference pitcher of the week after his performance in the Blazer's 1-0, 15-inning win over Mobile Friday, March 18. The junior pitched 11 scoreless innings, allowing six hits and fanning 10. Johnson is a product of Leake Academy.

Doyle Wolverton (Class of 1972) and his Leake Academy high school girls' basketball team posted another championship season in 2010-11, capturing the State AA, North State AA and District titles. The Rebelettes advanced to the overall state semi-finals and finished 43-1 under the legendary coach. During his 36 years at Leake Academy, Wolverton has accumulated 1,166 wins, including 25 district titles, 14 state titles and five state "overall" championships. In the process, he has become the winningest coach in Mississippi and third winningest coach in high school girls' basketball in the nation.

Jamie Shepard (Class of 1989) completed his first Ironman triathlon in by battling inclement weather and a field of 2,800 triathletes in the Ford Ironman Florida Triathlon held in early November 2010. Shepard's nearly 17-hour day of physical activity included a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bicycle ride and a full 26.2-mile marathon. He completed

the swim in two hours, the bike ride in 6:17 and the marathon in 5:13 on the way to becoming what is believed to be an elite group of five Leake Countians to have completed an Ironman event.

Dr. Brent Gregory (Class of 1996) has been named Assistant Vice President for Administrative Services for Enrollment Management at Mississippi Delta Community College in Moorhead. Dr. Gregory was previously employed as Dislocated Worker Program Coordinator - WIA/Workforce at ECCC. His wife, Christi Lee Gregory (Class of 1995), has also joined the MDCC staff as Tech Prep Coordinator. She was also previously employed at ECCC and served as career-technical counselor.

Shaquinta S. Ickom of Lake was recently awarded a Trustees Scholarship to attend the University of West Alabama.

Romance Writers of America® is pleased to announce that local resident **Pam Hillman's** manuscript, *Stealing Jake*, has been named as a finalist in the Inspirational Romance category of the 2011 Golden Heart® awards. RWA's Golden Heart award recognizes excellence in unpublished romance fiction manuscripts.

Gary and Regenia Meador of Decatur celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. The couple were married by the Rev. Harold C. Eshee at Plainway Baptist Church in Laurel, MS on April 22, 1961.

The Mississippi Water Science Center, U.S. Geological

Survey, proudly dedicated and named their boat in honor of one of its outstanding former employees, **Mr. Ernest H. Boswell (Class of 1940)**. Mr. Boswell's 43 years of federal service included U.S. Army service in WWII and Korea, in addition to his outstanding career with the USGS which spanned more than 35 years. After retirement from federal service, he spent several years as the lead groundwater hydrologist for the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Land and Water Resources. He is recognized as one of the nation's premier groundwater scientists for his extensive work defining the geohydrology of the Mississippi Embayment. The dedication and naming ceremony was held on Saturday, April 16, 2011 at Lakeshore Park on the Ross Barnett Reservoir.

Doug Kelley (Class of 2009) recently graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi with honors, receiving a bachelor's degree in nursing. He is currently employed with Rush Hospital in Meridian as a pediatric/telemetry registered nurse.

Sonya Federick-Cantrell of Lake was chosen STAR Teacher at Newton High School for 2011. She teaches U.S. and World History and has been with the Newton Municipal Schools since 2000.

Derrick (Class of 2000) and Sarah Jones (Class of 2001) of Decatur proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Aubrey Elizabeth. Aubrey was born May 18, 2010 at Anderson Hospital in Meridian. She weighed 7 lbs. and 15 ounces and was 20 inches long. She is proudly

welcomed by her big sister, Bella Grace.

Ryan and Kristi Smith (Class of 1999) of Decatur proudly announce the birth of their son, Kyler Hayes "Kye" Smith. He was born July 19, 2010 weighing 8 lbs. 8 oz. and 21 inches in length. He is welcomed home by his sister, Kailee, and brother, Kaden.

Jonathan and Alicia Moore (Class of 2003) are pleased to announce the birth of Brylon Ryker Moore born September 19, 2010 weighing 6 lbs. 15 oz. and 19 ¼ inches long.

Aaron (Class of 2001) and Brooke Sibley are pleased to announce the birth of Maggie Clare born January 12, 2011 weighing 7 lbs and 20 inches long.

Caleb (Class of 2002) and Natalie May (Class of 2001) of Philadelphia are proud to announce the birth of twin daughters born on Monday, February 7, 2011. Katherine Ruby arrived at 6:00 p.m. weighing 6 pounds 5 ounces and measuring 20 inches in length. Anna Lola arrived at 6:02 p.m. weighing 5 pounds 13 ounces and measuring 19 inches. Paternal grandparents are Glenn and Judy May of Philadelphia. Maternal grandparents are Charles and Debbie Boggan of Decatur. Great-grandparents are Iris Boggan and Lola Addy both of Decatur. 3

Bud and Chafony Evans Poole (Class of 2000) of Newton, MS proudly announce the birth of their son, Ayden. He was born April 14, 2011 weighing 6 lbs. 2 oz. and 19 inches in length.



ECCC Selects Muse for MS Community College Sports Hall of Fame

He was known as the "Sebastopol Flash" in high school, and parlayed his basketball talents at SHS into successful careers at then East Central Junior College in Decatur and Delta State University in Cleveland. He also experienced a successful coaching career on the hardwood.

Dr. Clyde Muse, currently serving his 33rd year as president of Hinds Community College in Raymond, was recognized for his athletic accomplishments with his selection to the Mississippi Community College Sports Hall of Fame.

The induction ceremony was held Tuesday, April 26, 2011, at the Hilton Jackson on County Line Road.

Dr. Muse, who was chosen for the honor by the ECCC Alumni Association Officers and Board of Directors, said he was "pleased and very honored" that ECCC had selected him as its newest inductee into the Mississippi Community College Sports Hall of Fame."

The longtime Hinds Community College leader said he has "many fond memories" of his two years as a student-athlete on the EC campus.

"I have a great fondness for the days I spent at East Central, particularly the great coaches and teachers that I was privileged to have as a student," said Dr. Muse. "The opportunity given to me by Coach Vincent to play basketball at East Central was one for which I will forever be grateful."

He continued, "East Central certainly gets part of the credit for the achievements in my lifetime. Had it not been for ECCC, I would not have traveled the path that led to a satisfying and rewarding career in education."

Dr. Muse was a three-year letterman at Sebastopol and helped lead the Bobcats to several championships, including the Scott County Tournament title in 1946. He received most valuable player honors and was chosen team captain his senior season.

After a successful high school career, the 6-3, 170-pound center was headed to Southeastern Louisiana College but was denied a basketball scholarship.

Muse later enrolled at East Central, thanks to assistance from SHS school principal Leo Burns and EC president Dr. L.O. Todd.

"I owe a great deal to Mr. Burns and Dr. Todd," Muse stated. "Mr. Burns recommended me to Dr. Todd who gave me a job washing dishes in the school cafeteria to help me pay for my college expenses."

When he was not soaking his hands in dishwater, Muse was sinking baskets for the 1947-48 and 1948-49 Warrior basketball teams, coached by the late Arno Vincent who later served as ECCC's third president from 1953-62.

Muse often led the Warriors in scoring and accounted for 23 of East Central's 57 points in a three-point win over arch rival East Mississippi near the end of the 1947-48 season. In recognition of his success, Muse - who served as team captain - was named most valuable player his sophomore campaign.

He was also a member of the 1948 EC track team, specializing



Dr. Clyde Muse (right) of Raymond was inducted into the Mississippi Community College Sports Hall of Fame during the fourth annual ceremony held April 26 at the Hilton Hotel in Jackson. Dr. Muse, who was selected as East Central Community College's representative in the 15-member 2011 Class, is shown receiving the prestigious award from ECCC President Dr. Phil A. Sutphin.

in the mile run.

After his EC career, Muse accepted a scholarship offer to Southwestern Louisiana, but later decided to enroll at Delta State, where he was a member of the 1950-51 and 1951-52 basketball squads and served as captain his senior season.

He helped lead the Statesmen to the NAIA Regional title and a berth in the national tournament.

Although he does not recall the win-loss records of the teams he played on at Sebastopol, East Central and Delta State, Muse said he does recall that he never played on a squad that had a losing record.

After graduating from DSU with a bachelor's degree in science with minor emphasis in health and physical education in 1952, Muse began his coaching and teaching career at Canton and led the boys' basketball team to a Choctaw Conference title.

He later coached at Starkville High School and led the 1960-61 boys' basketball squad to a state title. Muse's personal success included serving as an All-Star basketball coach in 1957.

While living in Starkville, Muse invented the game of T-ball, which continues to be enjoyed by young major league hopefuls!

Muse, who holds master's and doctoral degrees in school administration from Mississippi State University, began his work in administration in 1959 as high school principal and later as

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Warrior Golf Classic Set June 30

East Central Community College students will again be the top prize winner when the annual Warrior Golf Classic is held this summer at the Dancing Rabbit Golf in Choctaw.

This year's four-person scramble is scheduled Thursday, June 30 on the Oaks Course. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and will be followed by a shot gun start at 10 a.m.

Sponsored by the ECCC Alumni Association, the 10th annual event provides funding for student scholarships.

"The Warrior Golf Classic provides much-needed and appreciated scholarships for East Central students," said tournament coordinator Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth who serves as executive director for foundation and alumni relations. "Since the tournament began in 2001, more than \$30,000 in scholarships has been awarded to students who reside in our five-county district. We certainly appreciate the support received for the tournament the past 10 years and encourage others to participate in this very worthwhile event."

Entry fee is \$125 per person, which includes green fee, golf cart, T-shirt, lunch and give-a-ways.

Corporate sponsorships are also available at the following levels: Gold, \$650 (includes fees for a four-person team and a hole sponsorship); Silver, \$400 (includes fees for two players and a hole sponsorship); and Bronze, \$200 (includes a hole sponsorship).

Awards will be presented to the Corporate Division champion and the top three finishers in each flight. Various on-course prizes will also be provided.

For more information, contact Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, 601-635-6327 or call toll free, 877-462-3222, ext. 327. Her e-mail address is sholling@eccc.edu.

Another State Title for Harrison!

Chad Harrison (Class of 1992) proudly holds the state championship trophy won by his Scott Central High School girls' basketball team, which defeated New Site 59-43 for the Class 2A title to successfully conclude the 2010-11 season. The Lady Rebels completed the championship season with a 32-3 record and were ranked No. 1 in 2A by The Clarion-Ledger and briefly appeared in the Super 10 poll. Harrison also led the Lady Rebels to a state championship in 2000. (Photo courtesy Chris Baker, The Scott County Times)



New E-mail Addresses Needed for All Alumni and Friends

If you are an alumnus or friend of the College and would like to receive e-mail announcements and newsletters from the Alumni Association, please send your name, address, class year, and e-mail address to sholling@eccc.edu.

MUSE (continued from previous page)

assistant superintendent at Starkville Public Schools. He was named Hinds County Superintendent of Education in 1969 and became Superintendent of Meridian Public Schools in 1971.

On Jan. 13, 1978, Muse was named the sixth president of Hinds Community College. He is the longest serving president in the college's history and has had an active career in education for 60 years. On a statewide level, Muse has played a lead role in the progression of the modern-day community college. As the long-time Legislative Committee Chair of the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges, he led efforts to establish Mississippi's two-year colleges as a national model for workforce training.

Dr. Muse is a member of the Mississippi Coaches Hall of Fame and has received "Alumnus of the Year" recognition from ECCC, Delta State and the MSU School of Education, among his many honors.

He was selected for the ECCC Athletic Hall of Fame in 2007.

Dr. Muse was married to the former Vashti Underwood of Leland for 58 years until her death in 2010. They had two daughters, Mrs. Sellers (Julia) Cole of Philadelphia and Mrs. Randy (Susan) Rucker of Oxford, and a son, Vernon Clyde Muse Jr., of Raymond, who is married to the former Gail Weaver. The Muse family also includes eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren.



**EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
2011 NOMINATION FOR
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Name: _____ Maiden _____

Years Attended, Graduated EC: _____

Address: _____

Phone (w) _____ (h) _____

High School Graduated From: _____ County _____

Senior College/University Attended/Graduated From _____ Years _____

Work Experience:

Place	Position	Dates
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Contributions to College/and to Community: _____

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Spouse: _____ Maiden Name _____

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Attach additional information, if needed.

Return to: Alumni Association
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Address _____

Phone (h) _____ (w) _____

Years attended/graduated EC _____

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Name: _____ Maiden _____

Years Attended _____ ECCC Graduation Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (work) _____ (home) _____

High School: _____ County _____

Sports Lettered In & Honors Received In Community College: _____

College attended after ECCC: _____

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Work Experience:

Place	Position	Dates
_____	_____	_____
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Honors Received: _____

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Homecoming 2011 Tentative Schedule of Events Saturday, October 8

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|------------------------|---|
| 7:00 a.m. | Registration for Homecoming 5K Run/Walk – North Campus Pavilion (Run/Walk Starts 7:30 a.m.) |
| 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. | Bookstore Open
Eddie M. Smith Student Union |
| 9:00 a.m. | Homecoming Registration Begins
East Mall Patio near
Mabry Memorial Cafeteria

Refreshments Available on the Mall |
| 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | Memorabilia Room Open, Burton Library
Tour of the Aaron R. Davis
Science Building |
| 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Tailgating, Music, & Other Family Activities, North Campus Pavilion
• Inflatables • Football Throw • Soccer Goals
• Face Painting • Rock Climbing Wall |
| 10:00 a.m. | Reunion Groups Meet
• Class of 1941 • Class of 1951 • Class of 1961
• Class of 1971 • Classes of 1979, 1980, & 1981
• Classes of 1957, 1958, & 1959
• 1954 Lady Warrior Basketball Team
• 1970 North Division Championship Warrior Football Team
• All Former Warrior Golf Team Members |
| 10:30 a.m. | Awarding of 50th Anniversary Diplomas to Class of 1961
Auditorium, Vickers Fine Arts Center |
| 11:00 a.m. | Warrior Club Annual Meeting – All former athletes & current supporters of athletics at EC, Board Room, Vincent Administration Building

Alumnus/Alumna of the Year and Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees Meeting, Gordon Room, Mabry Memorial Cafeteria |
| Noon | Alumni Luncheon, Mabry Memorial Cafeteria |
| 1:00 p.m. | Warrior Club Tailgating, Bailey Stadium |
| 2:00 p.m. | Football Game vs. Mississippi Gulf Coast

Halftime Recognition of Homecoming Honorees, Presentation of Queen and Court, Performance by the Wall O' Sound Marching Band |



Mark Your Calendar!

Homecoming activities have been
scheduled for
Saturday, October 8, 2011


EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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Reunion Groups Include:

Class of 1941 • Class of 1951 • Class of 1961 • Class of 1971
Classes of 1979, 1980, and 1981 • Classes of 1957, 1958, and 1959
1954 Lady Warrior Basketball Team
1970 North Division Championship Warrior Football Team
All Former Warrior Golf Team Members

5th Annual Homecoming 5K Run/Walk

Saturday, October 8, 2011

Entry Fee: \$20 Per Participant • T-Shirt and Medallion to all Participants

Run/Walk Starts at 7:30 a.m. on the North Campus near Clark/Gay Baseball Complex
and the course runs throughout the campus.

For more information contact Dr. Phillip Crenshaw at 601-635-2111, ext. 281 or e-mail pcrenshaw@eccc.edu

Mail completed form and entry fee to the ECCC Alumni Association, P.O. Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327

Name: _____

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I know that running/walking a road race is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter and run/walk unless I am medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by any decision of a race official relative to my ability to safely complete the run/walk. I assume all risks associated with running/walking in this event including, but not limited to: falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather, including heat and/or humidity, traffic and the conditions of the road, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release East Central Community College and all sponsors, their representatives and successors from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participating in this event. I grant permission to all of the foregoing to use any photographs or any other record of this event for any legitimate purpose.

Date _____

Signature (Parent or Guardian if Under 18) _____

Please Circle: 5K Run or 5K Walk

T-Shirt Size: Small Medium Large X-Large



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Thank you for your help!

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Marion Carter (Philadelphia)
Mable Comans Wuksinich (Sebastopol)
Al Conrow (Fairhope, AL)
Arthur Coward (Morton)
Jean Dodson (Harperville)
Lavon Dozier (Neshoba)
Eddie Larry Easterwood (Louisville)
Bud Everett (Hickory)
Peggy Fairchilds (Forest)
Frances Hayes (Beaumont, TX)
Joan Hill (Louisville)
Terry Jenkins

Dot Kern (Morton)
Kenneth Knox (Calvert, AL)
Syble Lewis Mallernee (Morton)
Billy Magee (Carthage)
Sarah Martin (Philadelphia)
Johnny McGee (Morton)
Joy "Birdie" McMillan Waldstreicher
Jim Mullins (Birmingham, AL)
Neva Kate Myatt Killen (Philadelphia)
Franklin Myers (Carthage)
John W. Oakes
Bob Kelly Parks (Enterprise)
Marvin Penton (Morton)
Don Pierce (Nanih Wayia)
Bob Redd (Sebastopol)
Robert Risher (Carthage)
C.E. Rivers (Union)
Roy Roberts (Forest)
Jeanette Smith (Philadelphia)
Stephen Smith (Axson, Georgia)
Lenora Stegall (Morton)
Jimmy Stokes (Homewood)
William Stokes (Homewood)
May Tarrer (Forest)
Billy Thornton (Carthage)
David Thrasher (Louisville)
Phil Troutman
Henry Varner (Philadelphia)
Alton Walker (Newton)
Jim Wallace
Rudy Williams (Forest)

CLASS OF 1971

Stanley C. Adams (Carthage)
William Barham (Carthage)
Frank Barnett (Philadelphia)
Jackie Beeland Wilcox (Newton)
Janet "Jan" Bell (Philadelphia)
Barbara Bounds (Lawrence)
Kenneth Brown (Decatur)
Alice Bryan Callahan

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LOST (continued from previous page)

(Carthage)	Karen Dianne Lee	1970 North Division	1992 – 1993
Billy Burkes (Louisville)	(Philadelphia)	Championship Warrior	Kevin Smith
Raymond Earl Caldwell	Nora Jane McCraw (Neshoba)	Football Team	Jason Grayson
(Philadelphia)	Michael McKee (Chunky)	Barry Bailey (Carthage)	1993 – 1994
Sherrye Chaney Thompson	Terry Glen McKinion	William "Bill" Barham	Kent Haney
John Paul Clark (Philadelphia)	(Philadelphia)	(Carthage)	Jeff Massey
Mary Carolyn Collins	William McMullan (Forest)	James Carter (Noxapater)	1994 – 1995
(Noxapater)	Judy Mitchell (Louisville)	David Culpepper (Lawrence)	Stephen Clark
Charles W. Cooksey (Union)	Bobbie Faye Moore	Willie Hardy (Newton)	Russell Adams
Karen Elaine Cooper	(Louisville)	Karvell Howard (Philadelphia)	
(Carthage)	Albert Marion Moore	Mike Howell	1997 – 1998
Joseph Crapps (Morton)	(Louisville)	James "Jimmy" Kilpatrick	Daniel Turner
Patricia Cumberland	George V. Moore (Harperville)	(Forest)	
(Philadelphia)	Jesse Moore (Little Rock MS)	Walter Marshall (Louisville)	1998 – 1999
James Dance (Philadelphia)	Grady Moorehead	Butch Mason (Newton)	Justin Williams
Melanie Leigh Dowling	(Philadelphia)	Rusty McMullan (Forest)	Justin Trantum
(Dade City, Fla)	Jimmy Nelson (Lawrence)	Wayne Rucker (Little Rock)	
Phillip Duncan (Philadelphia)	Paul Palmer (Louisville)	John Owen Sanders (Carthage)	1999 – 2000
Jackie Edwards Smith	Sidney Ray (Yazoo)	Floyd Triplett (Louisville)	Arral Parkerson
(Sebastopol)	Milton Richardson (Louisville)	Tommy Williamson	Steven Dellaria
Elizabeth "Liz" Edwards	Edith Joelle Roberson	(Philadelphia)	
Sadler (Sebastopol)	(Hickory)	Perry Willis (Philadelphia)	2000 – 2001
Brenda Ellis (Carthage)	Dorothy Rowzee (Little Rock)		Steven Dellaria
James Kenneth Ethridge	Sarah Segars (Epps, LA)	Former Warrior Golf Teams	Ben Bourland
(Carthage)	Mickey Sessions (Forest)	1979 – 1980	Skip Stamper
Dr. Theron Evans (Newton)	Rodis Shealy (Decatur)	Charles "Wes" Collins	
Carl Ferguson (Jackson)	Susan Shoemaker Southerland		2001 – 2002
Kathy Flint (Philadelphia)	(Morton)	1980 – 1981	Richard Lee
Sissie Foreman (Newton)	Mary Smith (Decatur)	Terry Burns	
Pamela Jean Freeny (Carthage)	Patricia Smith (Louisville)	Robert James	2003 – 2004
Anita Fulton	Melinda Stewart Burns		Tony Warren
Bill Galloway (Union)	(Forest)	1981 – 1982	Philip Dickerson
Janice Gatewood (Forest)	Harold Temple (Philadelphia)	Mitch Gardner	
Richmond L. Gilmer	Scottie Terrell (Decatur)		2004 – 2005
(Sebastopol)	Joe Tingle (Philadelphia)	1982 – 1983	Caleb Shepard
Charles F. Godwin (Newton)	Thomas Copper Toney	Michael Brown	
Ralph Edwin Gordon (Little	(Louisville)	David Bane	2005 – 2006
Rock)	Kitty Wagner (Newton)		Paul McMillin
Dora Lee Hamilton	Billy Walker (Forest)	1983 – 1984	
(Philadelphia)	Janet Walton (Union)	David Pleasants	2006 – 2007
Thomas Dees Hardin	Wallace Barry Ward (Lena)	Michael Burks	Paul McMillin
(Philadelphia)	Gawen Watkins (Union)		Patton Stanley
Wanda Kay Harrell (Carthage)	Paul Welch	1984 – 1985	
Gleen Harris (Morton)	Benny Yarbrough (Noxapater)	Terry Sessums	2007 – 2008
Wanda Kay Harris (Decatur)		Randy Benning	Stephen Poole
Debra Harrison Spencer		Jerry Kohoutek	Chase Ward
Paula Hollingsworth (Forest)		Alan Hatch	
Ann Harris Jenkins (Newton)			2008 – 2009
Ronnie Clark Johnson			Eric Burgess
(Decatur)			
Thomas A. Johnson (Decatur)			
Robert Kuykendall (Decatur)			
	1954 Lady Warrior		
	Basketball Team		
	Jackie Benner (Newton)		
		1985 – 1986	
		Buddy Lockhart	
		1988 – 1989	
		John Lockett	
		Sean Curry	



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Public resources are limited and tied to specific needs. The College needs unrestricted funds to develop the potential of our students. Thus, the College continues to seek a consistent method for securing private support. We strive to secure these unrestricted private funds through our annual fund campaign.

We invite you to renew your commitment to your community college by contributing to our "Investors in Excellence" Annual Fund Campaign. Gifts to the "Investors in Excellence" Annual Fund program are tax-deductible, subject to IRS regulations, when made to the East Central Community College Foundation Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization.

Private support such as yours enables us to continue to attract top quality students to the College. If you are in a position to help us, please fill out the form below.

*Make a tax-deductible gift to the Annual Fund
Join an "Investors in Excellence" Gift Club*

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- ☐ 21st Century Club - \$2,500 Annually
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- ☐ Platinum \$10,000 or More
- ☐ Gold \$5,000 to \$9,999
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- ☐ I have included EC in my estate plans
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Telephone (Home): _____
Telephone (Business): _____
Fax: _____
E-Mail: _____
Class Year: _____

Pledge Information: (Check All That May Apply)

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LEAKE COUNTY

Chief

Leake Country Club, Inc.
(Carthage)
Super Brave
Frank W. Bowen, M.D. '41
Aubry Cox '81
Cox & Associates Insurance
(Carthage)

Brave

Danny Allen '69
Carthage Discount Drugs
Ide B. Dickens, Jr. '40
William E. Kitchings
Leake County Cooperative,
A.A.L. (Carthage)
Dr. Howard Carlton '50 and
Shirley V. McMillin
Triple M Motors (Carthage)

Papoose

Gilbert Barham '74
Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Neal,
Jr. '63
Cline Watkins '63

NESHOPA COUNTY

Super Chief

Custom Crete Eng. (Union)
The Citizens Bank of
Philadelphia
Main Street Junction, LLC
(Philadelphia)
Prince Oil Company, Inc.
(Philadelphia)
Scooba Junction, LLC
(Philadelphia)

Chief

B & G Equipment, Inc.
(Philadelphia)
Jason Hailey '98
Sam Nowell '69
Bob Posey '82
Super Brave
Bob Breland
Richard and Cheryl Joiner
MS Band of Choctaw Indians
(Choctaw)

Brave

Brian Anderson
B & G Wood, Inc.

(Philadelphia)

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bates
Cadence Bank (Philadelphia)
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Earl
Chisolm
The Clothes Line
(Philadelphia)
D & W Company, Inc.
(Philadelphia)

Ray Farlow
Dr. and Mrs. William Lee
Johnson
Dr. Betsy Mann
Roger Owen
Maudean Sanders '70
Sonic Drive-In Philadelphia,
LTD

Steve's On the Square
(Philadelphia)
St. Mark's Hair Design and
Sunglass Shop, Inc.
(Philadelphia)
W. G. Yates & Sons
Construction Co.
(Philadelphia)

Sid '76 and Mickie Williams
Young Brave

Shelton E. Bounds '49
Mark Cheatham '86
Prentice Copeland '49
Jack '70 and Janis
McMichael '72

Jerry W. Smith
Hugh W. Winstead '69

Papoose

Shirley Berg '02
Ruby H. Breazeale '57
Pat F. Mioton '61
Steve Nelson '68
Marc Stribling '92
Barbara N. Thaggard '51

NEWTON COUNTY

Super Chief

Charlotte Brackeen '51
Delta Directional, LLC
(Newton)
Ricky Harrison '78
Pat and Dianne O'Neill

Chief

Rickey and Brenda Chaney '75
Decatur Lions Club
Chris Harris '76
La-Z-Boy South (Newton)
Rose Mobile Homes, L.L.C.
(Hickory)
Union Discount Pharmacy, Inc.
Ronnie Westbrook '76

Super Brave

Alexander Farms (Little Rock)
Steve Buckley
Neil and Lanea Cochran '90
Bill '66 and Irma Goodwin
James J. '53 and Jo M.
Harris '54

Fredrick Lyons '82 & '94
Newton Community
Healthcare, Inc.
Newton High School Activity
Fund

Bill '55 and Sue Simkins '56
Dr. and Mrs. Eddie M.
Smith '63

Dr. Lavinia Sparkman
Dr. Phil A. Sutphin
Mickey Vance '79
Roger Whitlock
Brave
Allen and Kim Amis '80 & '93
James A. Bennett, DDS PA
Charles '75 and Debbie

Boggan '76
Tanya Boler
Ann Burkes '63
Given in memory of Homer
Hunter '38

Laverne G. Chaney
Jimmy Dempsey
ESCO Corporation (Newton)
Artie Foreman '90
Dr. Nicole F. Harrison Family
Dentistry (Union)

Neal Holliman
Marty '90 and Stacey
Hollingsworth '93
Randall '82 and Michelle
Lee '98
Lori Luke '81
Long's Building Materials,

Inc. (Decatur)

Jason A. Mangum '92
Massey, Inc. (Decatur)
Billy '78 and Jill Mayes '85
Milling Funeral Home (Union)
Newton County Bank
Billy '67 and Linda Pierce '68
Carol Shackelford '71
Sonic of Newton, LLC
Jeanette B. Thrash '58
Union Florist & Gifts
Ovid and Carol Vickers '58
Wayne J. Westbrook
Wheeler Drug Store (Decatur)

Young Brave

Chris Clark '83
Kelly Cluff '01
Hollingsworth Dental
Clinic, P.A. (Newton)
William Lucy '82
Randy Rushing '83
Jack '56 and Jeanette Winstead
Papoose

Bobby and Pat Addy '58
Dr. L. B. Adkins '47
Joe Barrett
Kristen Chaney '05
Brenda Crosby '69
Bob Douglas '67
Kenneth Dunagin '58
Norman Gillis
Richard Harris '52
Earline Harrison
Faye Henley and Gigi Hitt
Ola C. Hunter
Given in memory of Homer
Hunter '38

Kenneth Jones '61
Nancy D. Kidd '76
Molly McGee '74
Karen Robertson '87
Ken and Paula Stringer
Scott Vaughn

SCOTT COUNTY

Super Brave

Bank of Forest
Community Bank (Forest)

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WARRIOR (continued from previous page)

Dr. Bob Tom Johnson '63
 Elvis '79 and Sandra Shaw
 South-Side Mart (Forest)
 Rita J. Waggoner '61
Brave
 Ralph Brown, Jr. '72
 Wanda C. Dean '85
 Frank Edmondson
 James T. and Rebecca Farris
 Forest Rotary Club
 Elizabeth S. Hill '60
 Bubby Johnston
 Drew '04 and Kery Kenna '04
 Joey Kenna
 Gary '62 and Nelda Risher '63
 Lee's Steakhouse (Sebastopol)
 Sonic of Forest, LLC
 Anthony Stanford '05
 George '67 and Jo Taylor '67
Young Brave
 Billy R. Lovett '57
 Melissa Lynch
 Haywood Reeves '67
 W. Royce Shaw '68
 Joe Tadlock '71
Papoose
 Larry J. Bradford '70
 Billy Miles
 Annie B. Stowers
 Maxine Sullivan

WINSTON COUNTY

Super Brave
 Ron Perkins '98
 James T. "Jim" Wood '49
Brave
 Gene Davis '70
 Renasant Bank (Louisville)
 Sonic of Louisville, LLC
 Kim Webb '79
 Lucille Wood '51
Young Brave
 Randal Livingston
Papoose
 David '77 and Linda
 Humphries
 Rebecca Rogers '75
 Charles S. '64 and Judy
 Thomas
 Henry L. '77 and Phyllis
 Triplett

OUT-OF-DISTRICT

Super Chief
 Brown Bottling Group, Inc.
 (Ridgeland and Meridian)
 M.E. "Boe" Davis, Jr. '56
 George Sills Engineering, LLC
 (Vicksburg)
 Laree Mannino
 Earl Marshall '56
 Rush Health Systems
 (Meridian)
 Brian '98 and Stephanie
 Shaw '97
Chief
 Van '63 and Betty
 Chancellor '63
 Wilmer James '57
 Judge Little
 M & M Portolets, LLC
 (Thomasville, AL)
 McDonald's Arch Inc.
 (Meridian)
 Hal Presley '77
 Terri L. Russell '82
 James M. Vance '57
Super Brave
 Easton Sports (Van Nuys, CA)
 Thomas E. Hannah '57
 Keith Harland
 Danny Joe Jones
 Mark and Paige Maher
 National Junior College
 Athletic Association
 (Colorado Springs, CO)
 Lauren Nichols
 John '54 and Jobyna
 Rushing '54
 Structural Steel Services, Inc.
 (Meridian)
 Steven and Eileen Valdez
Brave
 Leo Allen
 Col. C. R. Armstrong
 Lester '57 and Eugenia
 Baucum '57
 Wyatt J. Davis, Jr. '51
 Ed Chaney Tire Center, Inc.
 (Meridian)
 Jerald Everett '64
 Frazier Realty Company

(McComb)
 Steve and Pam Hampton '89
 Ray E. Hannah
 Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Helms
 Dr. Richard D. Hill
 Given in honor of Lib Hill
 Bill Lundy '69
 Raymond '57 and Lois
 McMullan '60
 Dr. Clyde Muse '49
 My Salon LLC (Gonzales, LA)
 Houston Patrick '54
 Penny's Pantry (Senatobia)
 Franz Phillip Porzel
 River Bend Services, Inc.
 (Ludlow)
 Luther D. Rives '62
 Doyle Scaife '60
 Given in honor of James
 Ray Hildebrand '60
 Lynn Smith
 Dr. S. Todd Threadgill
 Dr. William Wheeler '72
 Ruth W. Wilson '53
 Perry Winstead '79
 Lucy Young '71
Young Brave
 Brent Bailey '90
 Peggy Clayton
 Brian C. Cooper '91
 James E. Fisackerly '58
 Everette G. Fox '61
 Norman '47 and Miriam
 Harris '47
 Polly A. Haynes '56
 Given in memory of Lamar
 M. Haynes '58
 Eugene Langston '49
 A. Clyde Mills '58
 James and Linda Rigsby
Papoose
 Paul Breazeale '65
 Jackye S. Britt '55
 Dr. Emily E. Bullock '98
 Terry "T. C." Cannon '57
 Imogene F. Davis '43
 Marge B. Davis '57
 Samantha Denson '05
 Patricia L. Eaves '61
 Keith and Diane Fulton
 Mike Howle '72

Rex Keeton '64
 James D. Lowery '56
 Debra Nobinger
 Max Rich '54

Warrior Club 2010 Contributions By County (January - December)

EC Employee Payroll	
Deductions	\$ 3,628.00
Leake County	1,960.00
Neshoba County	17,828.32
Newton County	17,587.85
Scott County	3,510.00
Winston County	1,335.00
<u>Out-of-District</u>	<u>51,358.00</u>
Total	\$97,207.17

Warrior Club Levels

\$1,000 or more	Super Chief
\$500	Chief
\$250	Super Brave
\$100	Brave
\$50	Young Brave
\$25	Papoose

HOMEcoming OCTOBER 8, 2011

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2011 Warrior Club Contributions (January to April)

LEAKE COUNTY

Super Brave

Dr. Howard Carlton

McMillin '50

Brave

William E. Kitchings

Papoose

H.V. '64 and Linda Neal '64

NESHOBA COUNTY

Chief

Jason Hailey '98

Sam Nowell '69

Bob Posey '82

Brave

Brian Anderson

Maudean Sanders '70

Sid Williams '76

Young Brave

Bob Breland

Mark Cheatham '86

Hugh W. Winstead '69

Papoose

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NEWTON COUNTY

Super Chief

Delta Directional, LLC

(Newton)

Ricky Harrison '78

Chief

Kristin Chaney '05

Decatur Lions Club

Chad '92 and Dr. Nicole F.

Harrison '92

Scott Hill '89

Dr. Eddie M. Smith '63

La-Z-Boy South (Newton)

Super Brave

James Jerry '53 and Jo

Harris '54

Fredrick Lyons '82 & '94

Randy '83 and Lea Rushing

Jeanette B. Thrash '58

Mickey Vance '79

Kyle '00 and Huellen

Watson '00

Roger Whitlock

Brave

Charles '75 and Debbie

Boggan '76

Tanya Boler

Artie Foreman '90

Chris Harris '76

Randall '82 and Michelle

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Chad Lewis '96

Lori Luke '81

Billy Mayes '78

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Dr. Lavinia Sparkman

Dr. Phil A. Sutphin

Young Brave

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Kelly Cluff

Bob Douglas '67

J. P. Hurst '53

Papoose

Billy Crowther

Richard Harris '52

Earline Harrison

Nancy D. Kidd-Smith '76

Karen Robertson '87

SCOTT COUNTY

Chief

Community Bank (Forest)

Brave

Ralph Brown, Jr. '72

James T. and Rebecca Farris

Drew '04 and Kery M.

Kenna '04

Joey Kenna

Anthony Stanford '05

George Taylor '67

Rita J. Waggoner '61

Young Brave

Billy R. Lovett '57

Haywood Reeves '67

Annie B. Stowers

Joe Tadlock '84

Papoose

Larry J. Bradford '70

WINSTON COUNTY

Super Brave

Jim E. Nabers '76

James T. "Jim" Wood '49

Young Brave

William E. Donald '53

OUT-OF-DISTRICT

Super Chief

Boe Davis '55

Earl Marshall '56

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Shaw '97

Chief

Van '63 and Betty

Chancellor '63

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Super Brave

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Ricky Pounders

Brave

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John '55 and Jobyna

Rushing '55

USTA Player Development

Incorporated (White Plains, NY)

Ruth W. Wilson '53

Young Brave

Brent Bailey '91

Sara C. Crawford '49

Everette G. Fox '61

James D. Lowery '56

James and Linda Rigsby

Dr. Gerald W. Walton '54

Papoose

Debra Nobinger

Max Rich '54

Madeline M. Strahan '54

Sara L. Williams '56

2011 Football Schedule

Northeast @ Booneville
September 1 • 7 p.m.

Northwest @ Decatur
September 8 • 6:30 p.m.

Itawamba @ Fulton
September 15 • 7 p.m.

Pearl River @ Decatur
September 22 • 6:30 p.m.

Hinds @ Raymond
September 29 • 7 p.m.

Gulf Coast @ Decatur
October 8 • 2 p.m. (Homecoming)

Jones @ Ellisville
October 15 • 2 p.m.

Co-Lin @ Decatur
October 20 • 6:30 p.m.

Southwest @ Summit
October 27 • 6:30 p.m.



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Contributions received through the Gift Program will be used to establish an Alumni Association Lifetime Membership Endowed Scholarship Fund. Donors to the Lifetime Member Gift Program will be recognized annually in *The Warrior* magazine.

With your help the Association will be able to enhance and increase membership growth and increase revenue to the Alumni Association while providing financial support to current EC students.

If you have questions about the program, please call the Alumni Relations Office toll-free 1-877-462-3222 ext. 327 (within the state of Mississippi) or call 601-635-6327 or e-mail to sholling@ecccc.edu. Thank you in advance for your continued interest and support of East Central.

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'William Winter Scholars'

Sophomore Anna Alexander (left) of Little Rock and English instructor Ann Durham (right) of Forest represented East Central Community College in Decatur at the Natchez Literary and Cinema Celebration held Feb. 24-27, 2011. The 22nd annual event is held to recognize outstanding



students and teachers in the humanities division of Mississippi's colleges, community colleges and universities. The honorees are referred to as "William Winter Scholars" in honor of former Gov. Winter (center), who has served as the Celebration's director of proceedings since it began in 1990. Alexander, a communications major and President's List scholar is a home-schooled student and the daughter of George and Cindy Alexander of Little Rock. Durham joined the ECCC English faculty in August 2006. She teaches Beginning English, Intermediate English, English Composition I and II and American Literature. She is a recipient of the 2009 Lamplighter Award, which is presented to the state's outstanding community and junior college instructors. She is married to Mike Durham. They have two children and one grandchild. (Submitted photo)

Collegians Rock Sea World!

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The ECCC Foundation currently maintains 74 endowed scholarships, 32 annual scholarships, and 5 partially endowed scholarships. For the 2010-2011 school year, the Foundation awarded \$78,690 in scholarship awards to ECCC students thanks to contributions to the Foundation's scholarship program.

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**FRANCES AYCOCK
JOHNSON AND JO ANN
AYCOCK THOMAS
SCHOLARSHIP**
Dr. Harold S. Aycock '64

**IRIS BOGGAN
SCHOLARSHIP**
Norman Gillis

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Dr. Harlon D. Crimm '59
Wilmer James '57
Given in memory of
Thomas W. Thrash
Billy R. Lovett '57
David E. '58 and Mary Louise
McKeehan
James Randy Miles '60
Given in memory of all
deceased members of the
Class of 1960
James C. '59 and Shirley R.
Sawyer '58
Jeanette B. Thrash '58
Given in memory of Tommy
Thrash '58

**AARON R. DAVIS
MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP**
Lisa O'Neill

**CLYDE B. AND FLOSSIE
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Obituaries

Harry Glyn Banks (Class of 1948) of Philadelphia died April 24, 2010. He was a World War II army veteran where he was a paratrooper in the 472nd Gilder Field Artillery Battalion. He was a retired offshore oil field worker. He was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Byron Fenwick Barnes (Class of 1977) of Noxapater died March 13, 2011. He was a dryer feeder for Georgia Pacific, and a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church.

Nancy Mary Hillman Boutwell died October 9, 2010 at her residence in Newton. She was a retired dietician from Newton Regional Hospital.

James L. Boydston (Class of 1956) of Louisville died October 9, 2010. He was a retired engineer technician for the Mississippi Department of Transportation. He was an Army veteran, a Gideon, and a member of Rocky Hill United Methodist Church.

Jessica Laine Cager (Class of 2008) of Union died October 17, 2010, from injuries sustained in a car accident.

Judy Carroll, a former speech/theater instructor at ECCC died in September 2010.

Gregory Carter (Class of 1986) died April 2, 2010. He received a degree in air conditioning and refrigeration from ECCC and was a member of the First Walnut Grove Church of God in Christ.

John "Richie" Clark of

Nanah Waiya died September 17, 2010. He had worked in construction, harvested catfish ponds, served as a paramedic in Neshoba, Winston, and Lauderdale counties. He had served as a law enforcement officer for the Philadelphia Police Department, Kemper County Sheriff's Office and East Mississippi Drug Task-force and had served as a volunteer fireman for the Linwood Fire Department.

Donna Sue Ganann Cochran of Carthage died August 11, 2010. Donna was a former dental assistant and an active member of Freney Methodist Church where she served the church in many capacities.

Hubert Lee Comans of Newton died November 22, 2010, in Mobile. He was an active member of First Baptist Church of Newton.

Eugene L. Culpepper of Forest died Sunday, December 5, 2010, in Lackey Hospital in Forest. He was a former teacher and school administrator and retired from Field Enterprises Educational Corporation. He was a member of Forest Baptist Church.

Martha Woodward Daly (Class of 1949) of Louisville died January 12, 2011. She was retired personnel director of Spartus Corp. and was a member of Louisville Presbyterian Church.

Rosalie Burkes Daniels, 82, died Monday, May 2, 2011, in Union. She was an English professor and taught school for 50 years. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Jackson.

Imogene Fulton Davis (Class of 1943) of Clinton died Sunday, March 6, 2011 at the age of 87 years. She was a long-time member of Calvary Baptist Church and The Order of the Eastern. She was employed as a Bookkeeper and Officer Manager with Central Orthopedic Clinic for nearly 40 years before retirement.

Joe David Denson (Class of 1956) of Tuscola died January 10, 2011. He was a retired Superior Asphalt employee and a deacon of Tuscola Baptist Church where he taught the Men's Sunday School class.

Otho D. "O.D." Dickinson (Class of 1940) of Charlotte, NC, died May 6, 2010. Dr. Dickinson served his country in the United States Army/Air Corp during World War II with the 443rd Bomber Squad/320th Bombardment Group. After obtaining his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from the University of Pennsylvania, he opened a small-animal practice in Riverview, Michigan known as the Dickinson Animal Hospital, which recently celebrated its 50th anniversary.

Eddie Larry Easterwood (Class of 1960) of Houston, TX, died January 21, 2011. He received a BS degree in Accounting from Mississippi State University. He held many positions through the years including Office Manager, Safety Engineer, Materials Control, and Assistant Superintendent to various construction companies, including H.C. Price (New Orleans), Gregory and Cook, All American, and Diamond S.

Willis F. Ellis of Raymond died December 23, 2010. He served in the Army attached to the Air Force in World War II, received a business degree from Mississippi State University and retired from the Jackson VA Hospital in 1976. He was a charter member of Ridgecrest Baptist Church and was currently a member of Salem Baptist Church in Raymond.

Jerry Craig Estes, Jr. of Louisville died May 26, 2010. He was a retired Louisville Electric System employee where he was employed for twenty-seven years. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Louisville.

Ellaine Breckenridge Scott Faulk (Class of 1937) of DeKalb died February 2, 2011. She was a longtime educator in Kemper County Schools. She was a member of Pleasant Springs Presbyterian Church.

Bob Fuerst of Jackson, 82, died Monday, February 21, 2011, in Mississippi Baptist Medical Center. He was a retired pharmaceutical salesman and sales manager. He was a former football coach at ECCC.

Rodney Lee Fulton (Class of 1955) of Philadelphia died January 27, 2011. He was a retired teacher and was a member of Spring Creek Baptist Church where he had served as deacon and assistant song leader. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

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Samuel E. Fulton, 82, died Monday, May 23, 2011, in the V.A. Nursing Home in Kosciusko. He was a farmer and a member of Rocky Hill United Methodist Church in Winston County.

James Riley Galloway, Sr. (Class of 1967) of Madison died December 9, 2010.

Bonny Pope Gordon of Morton, 50, died Thursday, June 2, 2011, after a brief battle with cancer. She was a teacher with the Scott County School System.

Melissa Hathorn Gordon (Class of 1944) of Philadelphia died March 10, 2011. She retired from the Philadelphia School system where she taught history. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Philadelphia.

Joni Hunter Gunderson died Monday, Aug. 30, 2010, following an extended illness. Services were held Thursday, Sept. 2, at Moore Funeral Home-Bowen Chapel in Arlington with graveside services and interment in Eastern Cemetery in Forest.

Polly Ann Pearson Haynes (Class of 1957) of Demopolis, AL, died May 2, 2011. Polly was an administrative assistant at Bryan Whitfield Memorial Hospital for almost 30 years.

Millard "Bud" Henley III of Dallas, Georgia, died Sunday, June 6, 2010 at his residence. He served as Special Agent in Charge for the office of Personnel Management, Federal Investigative Services, Atlanta Field Office.

Lena McGee Baker Higdon (Class of 1956) of Madison died February 15, 2011.

She taught school for twenty years for Jackson Public Schools. She was a member of St. Matthews Methodist Church in Madison.

Lebrun "Sibb" Hutchison (Class of 1949) of Littleton, CO, died December 21, 2010. He was a civil engineer and worked for the Illinois Central Rail Road before moving to Albuquerque, NM in 1959 where he joined the Bureau of Indian Affairs. He was transferred to Littleton, CO in 1963 and later joined the National Park Service where he remained until his retirement in 1980. (Photo)

Dalton Ventonburg Johnson died May 20, 2010. He taught Cytology at the University Medical Center and was a registered Cyto Technologist and Histo Technologist. He was a founding father of the Southern Association of Cyto Technologists. He was a pharmaceutical sales rep with 3M Pharmaceuticals and after retirement and became a realtor with Charlotte Smith Real Estate until illness forced his retirement.

Autrey Doyle Jones (Class of 1960) of Pelahatchie died February 16, 2011. He worked as a medical technologist at Baptist Hospital in Jackson, Laird's Hospital in Union, and retired from the Veteran's Hospital in 1996. He proudly served his country in the Army and completed a tour in Korea. He remained in the National Guard for many years. After retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel, Doyle was promoted to the rank of Colonel.

Jessie J. Jones (Class of 1983) died April 27, 2010. He worked at Taylor Machine and

Green Acres Farms in Carthage for a number of years.

A.J. Kilpatrick (Class of 1952), 79, died Friday, May 20, 2011, in his residence. He was a football coach for 30 years, including East Central Community College. He was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Grenada.

Frank O'Neil Kirby (Class of 1954) of Newton died November 29, 2010, at his home.

Ira Lee Kirkpatrick (Class of 1943) of Noxapater died February 15, 2011. Mr. Kirkpatrick was a retired educator, farmer, and World War II veteran.

Kenneth Leach of Conehatta died March 7, 2011. After one year at ECJC, he joined the Army Medical Corps, Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. He was an author ("Rambling Thoughts of a Rambling Man").

Jessica Kay Herd Lloyd (Class of 1953), 76, died Tuesday, November 30, 2010, at Brandon Nursing and Rehab. She retired from Hinds Community College and was an active member of Pearson Baptist Church in Pearl.

Robert Maurice Logan (Class of 1938) of Lake died January 25, 2011. He served in the Army Air Corps in North Africa in World War II and operated a general merchandise store in Lake until 1984. He was a member of Lake United Methodist Church where he served as an adult Sunday School teacher.

Earnest Matthews (Class of 1960) of Philadelphia died September 3, 2010. He was a retired technician for AT&T

and served in the U.S. Air Force.

Kaye Livingston McDaniel of Louisville died January 9, 2011. She had been a caring and dedicated educator at schools in Newton, Choctaw, and Winston counties before retiring as Counselor at Louisville High School.

Pat Milling of Decatur died January 11, 2011. Members of Erin Cumberland Presbyterian Church Family will remember her as a very loving wife, mother, and grandmother.

Clarence V. Mitchell (Class of 1941) of Philadelphia died October 28, 2010. He served in the U.S. Air Force and was a member of First United Methodist Church in Philadelphia.

James R. "Rusty" Morrow (Class of 1984) of Carthage died January 6, 2011. He was a member of Reformation Church.

Gary Keith Neal (Class of 1975) of Walnut Grove died September 3, 2010 at Hospice in His Hands in Madden. He was a member of Freeny United Methodist Church.

Roxanne Clemons Nickerson (Class of 2001) of Philadelphia died September 9, 2010 at her home. She worked as an independent vending contractor and was a member of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Jimmy Nowell (Class of 1956) of Philadelphia died October 29, 2010. Mr. Nowell was a member of First Baptist

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Church in Philadelphia. He had served as alderman for the City of Philadelphia and had been plant manager for a poultry company in Collins.

Charles Edward "Frog" Pace (Class of 1937), 94, of Alexandria, Louisiana died Sunday, February 27, 2011 at CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Hospital. He was a U. S. Army Veteran retired as a M/Sgt. from the U. S. Air Force. He retired from the State of Louisiana Department of Health, working at the Rapides Parish Health Unit, where he was an Immunization Specialist for over 20 years.

Julia Upton Peoples (Class of 1951) of Madden died January 17, 2011. She was owner and manager of J. E. Peoples Trucking and a member of Madden Baptist Church.

Doris B. Perry of Philadelphia, 86, died Tuesday, February 22 in her home. She was a homemaker and retired elementary school teacher. She was an active member of First Baptist Church of Philadelphia.

Ken Pouncey of Decatur died February 12, 2011. He is most remembered for his 16 year tenure as football coach at East Central Community College (1966-1982). He is a former superintendent of the Newton County School District and retired in 2001 as superintendent of the Enterprise School District.

Iris Clark Price (Class of 1947) of Louisville died September 18, 2010. She was a professor at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Kentucky and at the University of Alabama.

W.B. Rives of Jackson, 85,

died Tuesday, April 19, 2011, in University of Mississippi Medical Center. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps and a member of Alta Woods Baptist Church. He retired at age 80 from Rives, Leavell Corporation, a finance company.

Debbie Winfield Russell (Class of 1985) of Little Rock died February 25, 2011.

Cullen Thomas (Class of 1940) of Philadelphia died away December 16, 2010. He was a member of Dixon Presbyterian Church. He was retired from the Mississippi Forestry Commission and was a farmer all of his life. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served during World War II.

Charlie Emmett Thrash (Class of 1954) of Walnut Grove died March 17, 2011. He was a U.S. Army Veteran serving in the Korean and Desert Storm Conflict. He was also a member of Sebastopol Baptist Church and attended Steam Mill Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Henry L. Trest (Class of 1950) of Philadelphia died away January 7, 2011. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served during the Korean Conflict. He pursued his career in transportation and served as the Mississippi State Commander of the American Legion. He was the adjutant for Philadelphia American Legion Post 138. He was an active member and deacon of First Baptist Church of Philadelphia.

Mary Emma Freeman Wall (Class of 1943) of Decatur died February 2, 2011. She was employed at the Decatur Shirt Factory and later

as a sales clerk at Edwards Department Store and David's Department Store.

Robert Amos "Bob" Wall (Class of 1951) of Conehatta died November 17, 2010, at his residence.

Shelby Clinton Williamson died December 20, 2010, at Neshoba County General Hospital. He was a U.S. Army veteran and member of First United Methodist Church of Philadelphia. He retired from the MSU College of Veterinary Medicine in 1999.

Timothy Wayne Winstead (Class of 1977) of Point Clear, AL, died May 15, 2010. He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

Georgia Lorene Wood (Class of 1948) of Louisville died January 26, 2011. Miss

Wood was a graduate of East Central Community College and was a member of Calvary Baptist Church. Lorene worked for the Winston County Journal for many years in advertisement and making pictures of all school activities, athletic events, and happenings in the county. Later, she operated Lorene's Photo Shop and made wedding, family reunions, and a host of pictures.

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East Central Community College's softball team celebrates after defeating Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College 7-6 in extra innings to capture the program's first MACJC State Softball Championship Friday, April 29 on the Perkinston campus. The Lady Diamond Warriors continued their successful season by winning runner-up honors in the Region 23 Tournament held Saturday, May 7 in Clinton, and tying for fifth place in the NJCAA Division II Softball National Championship held May 19-21 in Normal, Illinois. The championship squad completed season action with a 37-15 record. Team members include (front, from left) Chelsea Jones, Enterprise; Haelie Allen, Leake Academy; Abbie Joiner, Neshoba Central; Olivia Maher, a product of East Ascension High School, Gonzales, La.; Lauren Nicholas, Neshoba Central; and Taylor Bailey, Bowie High School, Austin, Texas; and (back row, from left) Kristin Chaney, assistant coach; Haylee Roberts, Enterprise; Layna Phillips, Leake Academy; Eden McGee, Neshoba Central; Kasie Buckley and Summer Alexander, both of Newton County; Laurel Burnett, Neshoba Central; Brittany Pounders, Southeast Lauderdale; Kelsi Watson, Smithville; Sarah Breland, Neshoba Central; and Scott Hill, head coach. In recognition of his team's success, Coach Hill was named MACJC Softball Coach of the Year.